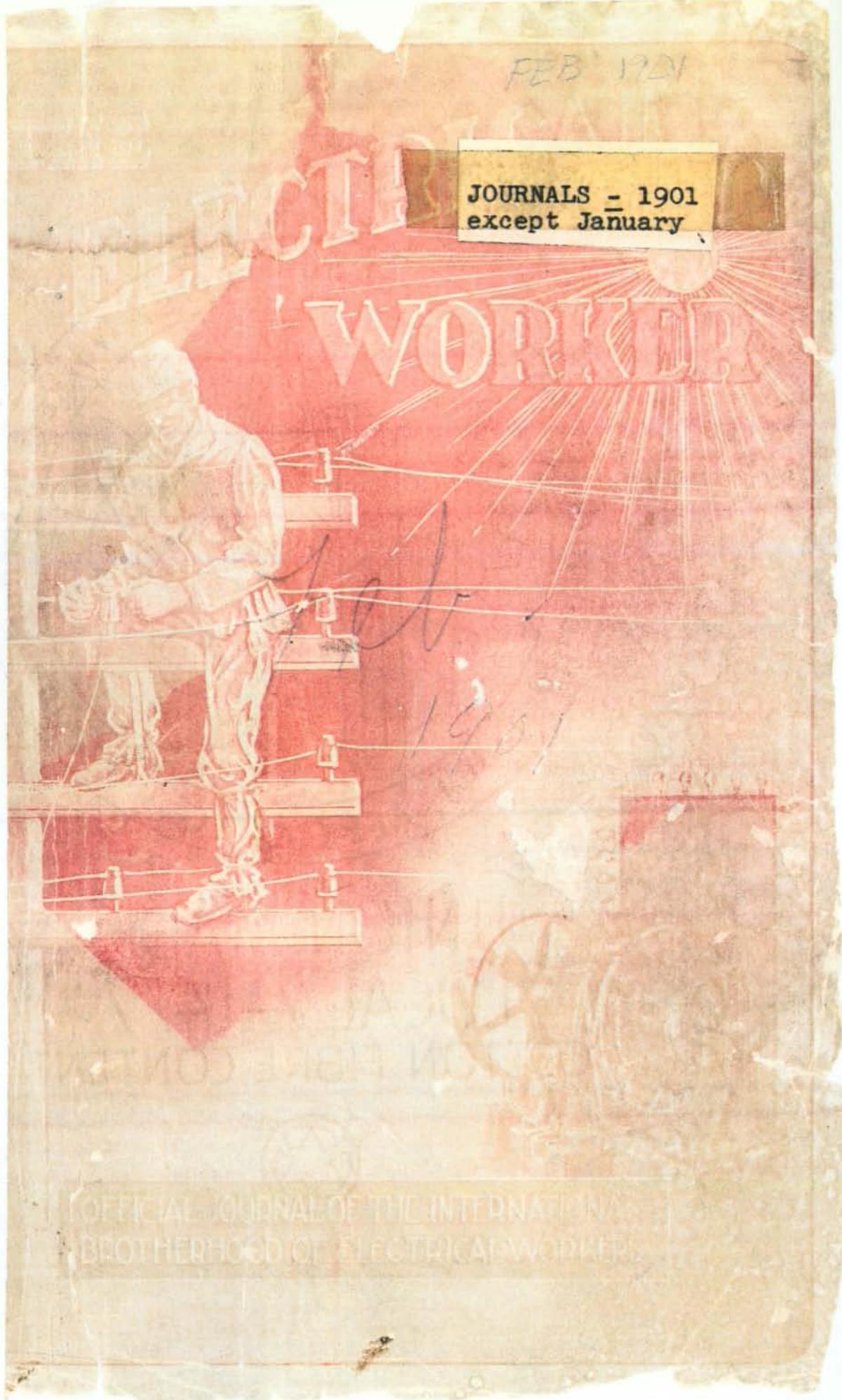


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TRADE MARK.

Executive Board Meeting.

Held at St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 5 to 8,
1901.

FIRST DAY'S SESSION.

Meeting was called to order by G. P. Wheeler, at 10 o'clock, with the following members present: Sheehan, Tripp, Russell, Roth, Wissinger, Maloney and Sherman.

G. P. Wheeler stated his reason for calling the meeting was that there were strikes on in Texas, and many other matters had arisen since the last meeting of the E. B. that justified the meeting.

Bro. Sherman said he would like to have Bro. Tripp give the full details of the strikes in Texas. He moved this be made a special order of business. Seconded by Bro. Wissinger. Carried.

Bro. Tripp then gave a full account of the trouble. He said the members in Texas were putting up a gallant fight for \$3 a day and eight hours.

Moved by Bro. Maloney that a committee be appointed to draw up suitable resolutions outlining the best policy to pursue in the Texes strike. Carried. Committee—Tripp and Maloney.

The President said the constitution required the E. B. to have an auditing committee go over the G. Secretary's and G. Treasurer's books yearly. He would therefore appoint Bros. Sheehan and Roth to go over the G. Secretary's books, and Bros. Russell and Gale, on books of G. Treasury.

Bro. Maloney moved that a committee be appointed to draft suitable resolutions asking President McKinley to use his good offices between the Boers and British. Carried. Committee—Maloney, Sheehan and Wissinger.

At this point, Bro. Sheehan gave a brief history of the strike in Hartford against the Hartford Elect. Light Co. He said the company wanted to reduce the men's pay. They refused to accept and went out on strike. He said while the constitution had not been followed, he thought the Board should give them the same support it had the rest. Moved by Bro. Maloney, seconded by Bro. Russell, that the appeal be put in writing. Carried.

The Grand Secretary read an appeal from Grand President Wheeler's decision in the matter of Local 41. Grand Pres. Wheeler was allowed the floor to defend the stand he had taken. He said his reasons for deciding the way he did were that he thought it for the best interest of the Brotherhood. Inasmuch as there was lots of work on the Pan-American Exposition, he thought all electrical workers with paid up cards should have a show and not quarrel among themselves.

Moved by Bro. Wissinger, seconded by Bro. Russell, that the decision of the Grand President, in regard to jurisdiction, be upheld. Carried unanimously.

The decision not allowing Local 41 to charge \$10 for a card to work on the Pan-American, but allowing them to charge on all other work was then discussed. Bro. Maloney offered the following motion:

"That the decision of the Grand President be sustained. That any local can charge an additional examination fee not to exceed \$25 for local protection. That each and every local union of the I. B. E. W. be allowed local autonomy as to jurisdiction and control, but this decision shall not apply to temporary exhibition or exposition work."

We recommend that a closer affiliation be maintained between outside and inside unions, and that under such circumstances

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as are cited in the controversy between Locals No. 41 and 45 of Buffalo, temporary permit cards be issued. We can guard against attack from the outside, but dissensions from the inside have a destroying influence and must be discouraged."

Moved by Bro. Roth, seconded by Bro. Tripp, that the motion lay on the table until to-morrow morning for final action. Carried.

Bro. Coughlin, business agent of No. 1, and a committee from No. 1, asked the privilege of the floor. He said he was not prepared just at this time; that he had expected the E. B. to stay in St. Louis until the next meeting of Local No. 1, as they had many important matters to lay before the E. B. He cordially invited all to attend the open meeting and smoker to be given by No. 1 to the E. B. Many of the members of the E. B. said it was impossible for them to stay until then.

Bro. Coughlin suggested, inasmuch as the members could not remain over until Tuesday, that he be allowed to place their matters before the E. B. Monday. Bro. Sheehan moved that No. 1 have all data ready by Sunday evening, seconded by Bro. Russell. Carried.

Bro. Woodward, of Local No. 1, said he wished to appeal from a decision of No. 1 in regard to placing a fine on its members for not turning out in parade Labor Day. Bro. Sheehan said as this was a local matter he did not think the E. B. had any jurisdiction. Bro. J. T. Kelly said that Local No. 1 had passed a motion that all members should parade on Labor Day or be fined, and that it had been a custom every year, and that, should the E. B. reverse this it would cost No. 1 considerable money; that he himself was forced to work that day and paid his fine. Bro. Tripp said he could see no reason to question the legality of the fine, as in his opinion every local had a right to fine its members for non-compliance with its rules. Moved by Bro. Russell, seconded by Bro. Gale, that the E. B. concur in the action of No. 1. Carried.

Bro. Gale offered the following protest:

We, the undersigned, members of Local No. 6, of the I. B. E. W., do protest the installing of the officers elected on Dec. 26, 1900, on the grounds that they were not elected according to the Constitution of the I. B. E. W., Art. 25, Sec. 3, namely:

1. The ballot was illegal from the fact that superfluous names were used in said balloting, such as "Denver" Smith, "Round house" Smith, "Rox" and "Roxy," and said ballots could not be counted for any one.

2. That Irwin was not an officer of the union and was therefore not eligible to the office of president.

3. We hereby give notice of appeal to the E. B., which convenes at St. Louis Jan. 5, 1901. Signed, J. E. TAANDT, R. P. GALE.

Moved by Bro. Roth, seconded by Bro. Sherman, the protest be sustained and a new election ordered. Carried.

Local 52, of Newark, N. J., asked that one of the E. B. be sent to work in that territory. Moved by Bro. Sherman, seconded by Bro. Tripp, the matter lay on the table until to-morrow morning. Carried.

Adjourned.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

In regard to the appeal from the decision of the G. P. on the matter of charging ten dollars examination fee, it is the opinion of this body that the I. B. E. W. has no power to prevent local unions from charging whatever sum the local conditions may demand or warrant, to protect the interest of the trade in their locality for Building Trade cards or other Central Labor Union cards, which it may be necessary for said local to furnish the member, to enable them to work under the jurisdiction of said local unions, outside of the regular working cards of our organization. It is, however, the wish and recommendation of this board that in no case shall more than \$25.00 be charged for such cards.

We recognize the fact that local conditions must and will determine to a large extent the amount charged. If local conditions do not warrant an applicant to pay the full amount of \$25, the local will be compelled to accept less, in order to hold a large enough membership to do their work in their locality and thereby prevent it being done by non-union men. Believing, as we do, that these charges for extra cards must, like water, inevitably find their true level, according to the surrounding conditions, this board does not feel justified in attempting to say what shall be charged in any particular locality.

Moved by Bro. Russell, seconded by Brother Roth, the resolution be adopted.

and the Grand Secretary be informed and notify locals of this action.

The committee appointed to able resolutions, to forward to McKinley, offered the following

St. Louis, Mo., Jan.

Whereas, There is now waging known as the Transvaal, in South Africa, a war of extermination in which of the said country, who have had to take up the work of pi subdue an hitherto wild and uncivilized region, are the principal sufferers.

Whereas, The love of country in the hearts of this oppressed people cause them to cling doggedly to their termination never to surrender one man, woman or child remains in the field of battle, and

Whereas, The terrible ordeals of slaughter that has caused the civilized world to stand aghast, is sufficient for all possible intervention on the part of neutral civilized nations, therefore

Resolved, By the Executive Committee of the International Brotherhood of Workers, in regular session assembled, hereby urge upon President McKinley to take cognizance of the said state of affairs and use his good offices in an effort to arrange an amicable adjustment of the differences existing between this nation and the people of the Transvaal.

Resolved, that a copy of the resolution be offered to the press for publication, that a copy, duly attested, be at once transmitted to President McKinley, and that a copy of the resolution be filed in the archives of our B. for future reference.

(Signed) J. H. MALCOLM
F. J. SHEEHAN
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Moved by Bro. Wissinger, seconded by Bro. Russell, that this be adopted.

Bro. Sherman said that during strikes some of the locals had forced to pay per capita tax, and Locals 44 and 45 be allowed per capita tax while on strike, not to be over five dollars. Carried.

Bro. Gale asked that No. 61 be relieved of their per capita tax and initiate since Oct. 1st. Moved by Bro. Gale, and seconded by Bro. Sheehan, that the local be kept in good standing, with the standing that it be paid in to the Secretary by Oct. 1, 1901. Carried.

Bro. Tripp moved, and seconded by Bro. Gale, that the Texas locals be kept in good standing until the strike is set

a ballot was illegal from the fact that superfluous names were used in said, such as "Denver" Smith, Round Smith, "Rox" and "Roxy," and votes could not be counted for any.

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Signed, J. E. TAANDT,
R. P. GALE.

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OND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

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Bro. Russell, seconded by Bro. Gale, the resolution be adopted.

and the Grand Secretary be instructed to notify locals of this action.

The committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions, to forward to President McKinley, offered the following:

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 7, 1901.

Whereas, There is now waging, in what is known as the Transvaal, in South Africa, a war of extermination in which the citizens of the said country, who have had the hardihood to take up the work of pioneers and subdue an hitherto wild and uninhabitable region, are the principal sufferers, and

Whereas, The love of country is so strong in the hearts of this oppressed people as to cause them to cling doggedly to their determination never to surrender so long as one man, woman or child remains to continue battle, and

Whereas, The terrible or needless slaughter that has caused the entire civilized world to stand aghast, is such as to call for all possible intervention on the part of neutral civilized nations, therefore be it

Resolved, By the Executive Board of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, in regular session assembled, do hereby urge upon President McKinley to take cognizance of the said state of affairs and use his good offices in an earnest effort to arrange an amicable adjustment of the differences existing between the British nation and the people of the Transvaal.

Resolved, that a copy of the above resolution be offered to the press for publication, that a copy, duly attested and embossed be at once transmitted to President McKinley, and that a copy of the same be filed in the archives of our Brotherhood for future reference.

(Signed) J. H. MALONEY,
F. J. SHEEHAN,
Committee.

Moved by Bro. Wissinger, seconded by Bro. Russell, that this be adopted. Carried.

Bro. Sherman said that during the many strikes some of the locals had found it difficult to pay per capita tax, and asked that Locals 44 and 45 be allowed per capita tax while on strike, not to be over four months. Carried.

Bro. Gale asked that No. 61 be allowed their per capita tax and initiation fees since Oct. 1st. Moved by Bro. Maloney, and seconded by Bro. Sheehan, that they be kept in good standing, with the understanding that it be paid in to the Grand Secretary by Oct. 1, 1901. Carried.

Bro. Tripp moved, and seconded by Bro. Gale, that the Texas locals be kept in good standing until the strike is settled, when

they will pay up between Jan. and Oct. 1, 1901. Carried.

A committee from Local No. 2 asked the privilege of the floor, and presented the following for consideration:

To General Executive Board, I. B. E. W.
Dear Sirs and Brothers:

In the struggle for better conditions last May, June and July, between Local Union No. 3, I. B. E. W., and St. Louis Transit Co., Local Union No. 2 was forced to drain its treasury and is badly in need of money to continue the gallant campaign we started Jan. 1, 1900, by constantly keeping a business agent in our fields, which has boosted our membership from 39 to a fraction over 200; and in view of the fact that our city is to have a world's fair and next International Convention, we sincerely hope that assistance be rendered us in this hour of need, that we may continue our struggle to success.

Yours Fraternally,

JOHN J. MANSON, Vice-Pres.
GEO. C. ALLEN, Fin. Sec'y.

After a long discussion a motion was made by Bro. Sheehan, seconded by Bro. Roth, that \$200 be allowed. Carried, all members voting "aye" except Bro. Russell, who voted "no."

Bro. Tripp offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the secretary be instructed to publish in the next issue of the Worker that after the present difficulties are settled the E. B. will abide strictly by the Constitution, Article 27, in regard to strikes.

Moved by Bro. Roth, seconded by Bro. Russell, the resolution be adopted. Carried.

The matter of sending delegates to the National Building Trades Convention was brought up for discussion. Bro. Maloney said the time had come when the electrical workers should resist the encroachment of other trades on conduit work, and as it was a matter of vital importance to all he moved that the I. B. E. W. pay the expenses of Business Agent Coughlin as a delegate, as well as his own, as he had been selected as a delegate. Seconded by Bro. Wissinger. Carried.

Bro. Gale asked a ruling from the E. B. on the following: "Whether an officer filling an unexpired term should receive the same honors as one filling a whole term." The ruling of the E. B. was that the officer filling an unexpired term was entitled to the honors.

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Reading from left to right, the brothers standing are:

J. H. Maloney, F. J. Roth, R. R. Tripp, F. J. Sheehan, R. P. Gale.
The brothers seated are:

P. H. Wissinger, T. H. Wheeler, H. W. Sherman, F. H. Russell.

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An appeal from No. 52 was read. Grand Sec. and the Grand Pres. to investigate.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

Grand Pres. Wheeler, presiding if the committees on the G. S. books were ready to report. The committee on G. S.'s books submitted the following:

St. Louis, Mo., Jan.
To the Executive Board:

The Auditing Committee submits the following report for ing Sept. 30, 1900:

Receipts
Expenditures

Balance

The system inaugurated in keeping department of our exec is worthy of comment, and the Committee desire to express the the work being in competent ha would suggest, in view of this fac bookkeeper's salary be increa figure that efficiency and good mands, and that her salary b month, beginning Jan. 1, 1901.

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Moved by Bro. Russell, seconded by Bro. Maloney, the report be adopted.

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Bro. Sheehan put in a written appeal asking for \$100 to assist Local 37 in their strike against the Hartford Elec. Light Co. Moved by Bro. Roth, seconded by Bro. Russell, that it be allowed. Carried.

Bro. Tripp asked that No. 66 be kept good on the general office books until able to pay after their strike. Moved by Bro. Maloney, seconded by Bro. Roth, that all members now on strike be kept good until strikes are settled. Carried.

Bro. Wissinger read a communication from Local 27 in regard to a bill of \$100 the Brotherhood owed Mr. Lee M. Myers for legal services during their strike. He said there was a misunderstanding in regard to this bill. Moved by Bro. Sherman, seconded by Bro. Roth, that the matter be left in the hands of Grand Pres. Wheeler for settlement. Carried.

An appeal from No. 52 was read by the Grand Sec. and the Grand Pres. ordered to investigate.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

Grand Pres. Wheeler, presiding, asked if the committees on the G. S. and G. T. books were ready to report. The committee on G. S.'s books submitted the following:

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 6, 1900.

To the Executive Board:

The Auditing Committee respectfully submits the following report for year ending Sept. 30, 1900:

Receipts	\$30,395.63
Expenditures	27,960.62
Balance	\$2,435.01

The system inaugurated in the book-keeping department of our executive office is worthy of comment, and the Auditing Committee desire to express themselves of the work being in competent hands. We would suggest, in view of this fact, that our bookkeeper's salary be increased to a figure that efficiency and good work demands, and that her salary be \$40 per month, beginning Jan. 1, 1901.

An account of \$65.37 the secretary had no record of, also an account of \$6.00, which is understood by the secretary and the treasurer. We, therefore, would suggest that the books of the organization are exact and correspond to the cent.

F. J. SHEEHAN,
F. J. ROTH,
Committee.

Moved by Bro. Russell, seconded by Bro. Maloney, the report be adopted. Carried.

The committee on G. T.'s books submitted the following:

To the Members of the E. B. of I. B. E. W.:

We, your committee on G. T.'s accounts, beg leave to make the following report:

We have examined the G. T.'s books and find them balanced up to Oct. 1, 1899.

On hand	\$7,228.22
Balance on hand Sept. 30, 1900	2,506.38

Total receipts from Oct. 1, 1899, to Sept. 30, 1900	23,232.78
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Total expenses from Oct. 1, 1899, to Sept. 30, 1900	27,954.62
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Respectfully submitted,
F. H. RUSSELL,
R. P. GALE,
Committee.

Moved by Bro. Sheehan, seconded by Bro. Russell, that the report be accepted, and the G. T. extended a vote of thanks for the able manner in which he had kept the books. Carried.

Grand Treas. Wissinger's resignation was asked for. The E. B. decided to adopt a system of payment of bills direct from the general offices. Bro. Wissinger said he would present his resignation to take effect Feb. 1.

Grand Pres. Wheeler suggested, as the business of the session was about concluded, that a motion to adjourn would be in order. Moved by Bro. Maloney, seconded by Bro. Roth, that we adjourn sine die. Carried.

After the adjournment an open meeting was held and addresses made by Pres. Smyth, Sec. Steinbiss, of the N. B. T. C., and others.

From Our Grand President.

To the Brotherhood:

It is apparently so easy to find fault and criticise the work of others, so easy to sit by the fireside and recite what should be done, that I believe I may be pardoned if I indulge in the pastime on a limited scale myself. Now, then, it should be the aim and object of every member to see to it that his organization is placed in a position to be of some service both to himself and his brother workmen to bring about a betterment of their conditions. Each member should try his utmost to bring about a spirit of brotherly love and a devotion to the cause for which we are fighting, and should above all work to unite our forces rather than disrupt them. But we don't

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all do this; therefore, I kick and protest to all the locals throughout the world.

Some years ago I was troubled with lumbo-gano. I could always find plenty of people who were more than willing to bear the pain of my lame back. I have met people who would double up and hump themselves in sympathy in order to convince me that they were actually bearing the pain I would have suffered had they not come to my assistance, and I have likewise found others who would not believe I had a lame back. Said I just thought my back was lame and if I would straighten up I would be all right. Now, all these people were my friends and were ever ready to give advice or criticise, but my back continued lame just the same. Neither the sympathy nor the criticism I received could help me, and finally because I would not adopt the remedies of my sympathetic friends they, too, turned critics and my back ached on. All of which goes to show that we are ever ready to criticise if things don't go as we believe they should go. It is so much easier than saying an encouraging word—seems to release some of our pent-up feelings. But the G. P. has become so inured to criticism that should some brother neglect to administer the daily dose the G. P. would be compelled to criticise himself before he could go to sleep. So long as he feels that he has done his duty and that he has the support of the people whose hired man he is and of those whose interest he is endeavoring to serve, he is not going to commit suicide, even though he may displease some member who may not see things as he does or who may disagree with him upon matters of policy.

Men may and do differ in opinion honestly, and the G. P. is not disposed to brand any man as dishonest who may perchance not agree with him on any question, but he would like the brother who seeks to criticise to be thoroughly posted and understand the situation to the extent of being able to judge whether his actions are for the interest of the Brotherhood or against it, and not jump at conclusions or undertake to array brother against brother simply because he may not approve the modus operandi of the G. P. or the E. B.

The president of No. 65 is one of eight

thousand. Does he understand that the other seven thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine may possibly not see things in the same light that he does? Does he know of any brother who has had an injustice done him by the action of the E. B.? Can he, or could he at the time he made his protest, mention the name of a brother who has had an injustice done him by either local in Chicago, New York or Buffalo that can be attributed to the E. B.? To dictate a policy in Montana to be followed in New York, or vice versa, is hardly fair unless all parties are conversant with the situation. One can quote and interpret the constitution as he understands it, but let him remember that there are thousands who may disagree with him and whose interests may be as vital as his.

For some reason the brothers who are, by virtue of their part of the trade, most directly interested in the affair are not making any fuss, while those whose interests are in no way at stake, and are not likely to be, appear to be having the most trouble. It seems to be the latter class who are constantly in fear of running up against some of these wicked men from No. 3, No. 134, No. 41 or being banished to the wicked cities of New York, Chicago or Buffalo. True, every brother in the I. B. E. W. is more or less concerned in the actions of the E. B. and has a right to be heard upon any and all questions, but don't it seem a little strange that it remained for a brother, thousands of miles away, to make the first protest? Surely all the wiremen within a thousand miles of these cities are not afraid or unable to protest if they so desired. If this brother would go to New York, or if he had been to any of these cities and made an investigation, I do not think he would be so firm in his belief that the Brotherhood was being so fearfully wronged; but on the contrary, I am convinced he would sing a different song.

There are so many different conditions in the several cities which enter into the case that cannot be discussed in one article or many articles in the Worker, that a thorough understanding cannot be had by all, and as short articles only invite criticism, the E. B. is slow to enter into any argument in the official journal which might

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drag along and keep the entire organization in a turmoil. Those who have taken the trouble to thoroughly investigate are without exception pleased with the action of the E. B., and I have not yet found a brother who understood the situation, and had no ax to grind, that was not of the opinion that the E. B. did right, and I also believe that the president of No. 65 would, if he understood the situation in New York and Chicago, be slow to enter such a vigorous protest.

As I have said, I do not care to enter into any long drawn out article in the Worker because it can do no possible good. The G. P. is ready and willing at all times to answer questions or to give any information upon any and all subjects with which he may be conversant. All he asks is that the questions be fair. There is an old saw, as true as it is old, which runs something like this:

"A man convinced against his will
Is of the same opinion still."

The G. P. expects to be roasted now and then—it is part of his business—but let the roaster remember that eight thousand men make a large body, and he that succeeds in conforming to the views and wishes of all is indeed a wise man.

The E. B. and G. P. are ordinary individuals, human, like all other people; are very liable to blunder and make mistakes. There is not a particle of doubt but there are others who could and would execute the affairs of the organization fully as well and maybe to the better satisfaction of the Brotherhood, and both your humble servant and the E. B. will gladly step aside and give others an opportunity when the proper time comes. To those who are anxious to take up "the white man's burden" and assume the responsibility, I wish to say that if at the present time you are possessed of more ability, foresight and good judgment than you have room for, give the E. B. and the G. P. all you can conveniently spare and it will be thankfully received. But in giving any surplus you may have give it in an open-handed, free-hearted, good-natured way. Don't throw it at us and afterwards cuss us because we could not catch it. Give us all the help you can, my brothers, in our endeavor to improve your condition and that

of your fellow workman. Give us a hand and let us build up an organization that will be a credit to our craft. Rather than protest to all the locals throughout the world against the action of some local which may be struggling to establish a condition that will allow a workingman to live in a house and sleep in a bed, let us send greeting and say unto all: "We are with you heart and soul. What is good for you we are willing to help you obtain, even though we have to make some sacrifice in helping you." Put that broad shoulder of yours to the wheel, encourage your E. B. to give a hard pull, a long pull and a pull all together until we have pulled the automobile of the I. B. E. W. out of the rutted road of old fogeyism onto the broad boulevard of progress and emancipation. Swear a little now and then if you feel so disposed; damn the conditions which you are bucking against if you think it will help matters or relieve your mind; but do not wallop or cuss your E. B. too hard while they are pulling the best they know how. Try and not get a hot box, or blow out your cylinder head, or dynamite your motive power. Keep cool. If you can't keep cool, keep as cool as you can. Take that chip off your shoulder. Get onto yourself. Get together. Help work out your own salvation by giving such aid as will build up our organization and extend the brotherhood of man until it shall reach from pole to pole and to the uttermost isles of the sea. Fraternally,

THOS. WHEELER.

From Old Crip.

Denton, Tex., Feb. 5, 1901.
Editor Electrical Worker:

Another month has passed and here goes for a line to the dear old Worker. I have just received the January issue of our journal, and it certainly is a pleasure to me to read its columns and to note the general confidence and good feeling of the different writers throughout this grand Brotherhood, yet I was a bit disappointed in not hearing more definite news from the striking brothers throughout the State. The newspapers in this State seem to say very little about the strike one way or another. I do hope they will win it. I would give my last cent to see the Southwestern Tel.

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and Tel. Co. brought to time in Texas. They have been and are to-day the greatest barrier to the upbuilding and uplifting of the I. B. E. W. in the Lone Star State. If it were not for the above monopoly's attitude towards the I. B. E. W. there would not be a scab lineman in Texas. I would give fifty thousand dollars, if I had it, to see the striking brothers of Texas win this strike, and I believe they will win it. Let every man put his energies into this contest and we are sure to triumph.

Well, brothers, I am feeling some better than when I attempted to write a few lines last month. I am still receiving orders for some of my books and every wire-fixer who has expressed his feelings about the book has complimented it very agreeably. The press throughout the State have quoted extensively from my booklet, and I appreciate it, regardless of where it comes from. I would like for every member of the B. to read it, whether I get anything for the book or not, for I am sure it will help them to be more confident of their ability to succeed, as well as to help them demand their rights as citizens, as workingmen and as gentlemen. There is not a member of this B. who will not agree with me when I assert that "In order for an individual or an organization to successfully demand their rights, they should first arm themselves with that righteous determination and tenacity of purpose which are so necessary in order to successfully carry out the principles embodied in 'an honest demand for honest rights.'"

Glad to note some of the brothers' kind words through the Worker. Yes, Bro. Coburn, of Local 61, I ate "dead turkey" for a whole week during Xmas time. As a rule they don't roast very high in this section, but when they do we generally pitch-'em a handline; or in some instances we use the "wireless gunograph" in order to place the turkey on a more equal footing with us. Many thanks, Bro. Coburn, for your kind comment on my book. Our best wishes to yourself and Mrs. C.

Many thanks to you, Bro. Geo. E. Russell, of Local 22, also to every member of "Old 22."

Since my last letter I have received the following:

From L. U. No. 24, for books \$2 50
" " " 10, per Bro. Thos. H.
Forbes, St. Ry. linemen 4 50
From L. U. No. 127, per Bro. E. A.
Warden, books 1 00
From L. U. No. 150, per J. M. Ferguson, books 1 50
From floating linemen at Greensburg, Ind., donated, as follows:
Dan Burns. L.U. 147, "Little Davie" \$1 00
Geo. W. Evans, L. U. 10, "Judge" . 1 00
Martin Cravin, L. U. 147, "Flew" . 1 00
Chas. Havens, L. U. 147, "Red" . 1 00
Ellis Malder, L. U. 147, "Sloppy" . 1 00
Oel Austin, L. U. 143, "Fattie" . 1 00
Dan Holder, L. U. 10, "Hoosier" . 1 00
Oscar Bradshaw, L. U. 89, "Nigger" 1 00
Jim Brodick, L. U. 41, "Broady" . 1 00
From L. U. 14, Chas. Weaver, book . 25
" " 76, for books 2 65
" " 148, H. J. Wright, books . 25

It will not be necessary for me to say that I am thankful for these acts of kindness, brothers, for I cannot find words appropriate to fully express my gratitude. Begging pardon of the editor, and with best wishes, I am,

Gratefully and fraternally,
ROBERT G. WRIGHT.

ODE TO PAY-DAY.

How often thou comest, Oh pay-day so sweet!

How often with pleasure thy coming we greet!

How often our pocket-books, shrunken and small,

Rejoice at their welcome replenishing call!

A fat yellow harvest supplying our need,
A sweet benediction thou seemest indeed;
A bright smiling angel with tokens of love
From the bountiful giver who dwelleth above.

Without thee the earth would a wilderness be,

As void of all charms as the grey angry sea.
A wild forest waste or a bleak treeless plain,
As cheerless and cold as the tempest-tossed main.

We hail thee with joy, incomparable day,
That beareth our burden on life's weary way,

That maketh our path, not a rough stony street,

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But a smooth grassy walk for our way-weary feet.

And so we rejoice that thou bringest to-day
To legions of toilers a laborer's pay,
And pity the poor in their desolate cot
If thou, blessed pay-day, should visit them
not. —James A. Edwards.

YOU AND HE.

If there's a man in the movement doing
good work,
Who toils night and day while you always
shirk,

And let him do the rest of it;

If he successfully contends a principle to
gain,
While you growl and grumble, criticise
and complain,

That "HE's looking for the best of it."

If he draws resolutions for the common
weal,

And you his thunder from them steal,
You haven't sinned;

If he talks to the point and limits his time,
While you saw the air with slander and
slime,

"He's full of wind."

If he shows you the necessity of energetic
acts,

Money is needed, he tells you the facts,
Treasury is busted;

If he finds a way to raise the cash,
And prevents the whole outfit going to
smash,

He's not to be trusted.

If he sees a reform he wishes to pass,
While you fill the hall with your noxious
gas,

Atmosphere dank;

If he calls for the motion; insists on a vote,
You holler "gag law" and a grievance note,

He's a crank.

If he makes a report you couldn't write,
You grow incoherent, swear that you'll
fight,

And talk of deals;

If the vote is against you a hundred or so,
You secretly whisper to each one you know,
"He's full of wheels."

If he by his energy succeeds in winning,
Rises higher and higher from the be-
ginning,

While you slump;

If his ideas contain germs of sense,
While you do nothing but straddle the fence
He's a chump.

In short, if he heads you in the great race,
Fighting for justice he holds a front place,
You hasten to state

That "He's crooked, he's crazy, he ought
to be hung,
He's the tool of politicians, his neck
should be wrung,"

He's a skat.

—Mark Maverick, in Eight Hour Herald.

THE KNIGHT OF THE BELT
AND SPUR.

Slowly and thoughtfully, eastwardly wend-
ing,

A Knight of the Belt and Spur,
In each city a few days spending,
Never more than a week intending,
A scattering knowledge of crafthood mend-
ing,

In any place to dwell.

Stopped he here, or stayed he there,
Fellow Knights in slavery saw—
The Despot's hand was everywhere.
Safe within their cosy lair,
Sacred precincts, who might dare
Aught defy or brave.

Oft deplored, striving vainly,
Fellow Knights to all assemble
In Grand Fellowship, objects mainly,
"Unity, Strength, Benevolence." Plainly
Only weapons, not used insanely,
'Gainst the Despot's power.

Belted and spurred, Sir Knight arrayed
Toiler 'gainst Despot's hand of iron.
Threats of starvation naught dismayed,
Treason's foul utterance plans betrayed,
Drove him hither and thither, but stayed
He to his purpose noble.

Here and there a battle won,
Despot's hand of iron relaxed.
Pilgrim Knights the setting sun
In his wake now shine upon.
Still his belt and spurs he dons,
Fighting valiantly.

Shall we then his cause forsake?
Bethink ye, Sir Brother, of your oath.
Ye who in your craft would make
Skilled mechanics predominate
Each unto himself must take
Perseverance as motto.

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Bear ye ill will 'gainst no Sir Knight,	40	\$7.40	\$2.00	\$.75	\$10.15
Pilgrim footsore and weary.	41	19.80	10.00	1.50	\$1.00
Soon may ye be in the same sore plight,	42	16.20	1.00	3.75	20.95
Soon may your day be turned into night.	43	18.80	2.00		20.80
The good of your Local keep always in sight	47	2.60		5.00	7.60
And your Constitution's preamble.	49	17.20	2.00		19.20
Sir Knights of Local 144	51		16.00		16.00
Why are ye slow in muster?	53	1.80			1.80
Why do you knock ever late at the door?	54	23.00	8.00	2.25	33.25
Why in great numbers do you attend no more?	56	15.20		1.00	16.20
Are ye thinking of Hellen D—— Nation galore?	57	10.00	6.00	2.50	1.00
Come, wake up!	58	15.00	4.00		19.00
NO. SINITS.	59	2.45			2.45
Sir Jones of 18, Sir Stephens of 95, Sir Fairchild of 129, no comments please.	61			1.50	1.50
	65	20.40	10.00	.75	31.15
	66			6.00	6.00
	68	19.40	4.00	9.25	32.65
	69			5.25	5.25
	70	28.20	6.00		34.20
	71	1.60			1.60
	74	3.80	2.00	.25	6.05
	75	18.00	4.00		22.00
	76	14.80		3.00	17.80
	77	20.60	32.00		52.60
	78	7.60			7.60
	79	37.60	8.00		45.60
	80	12.20	14.00	1.25	27.45
	81	4.80	10.00	2.00	16.80
	83	6.20	6.00	3.25	3.50
	84	14.00	4.00		18.00
	86			.75	.75
	87	7.00	4.00	1.75	12.75
	88	5.60	4.00		12.90
	89	2.00	2.00	1.00	5.00
	90	15.60		.75	16.35
	91	6.60	4.00	2.50	13.10
	95	8.40		.50	8.90
	96	11.40	9.00		20.40
	97	12.80	16.00		28.80
	99	5.40	1.00		6.40
	101	9.00		.38	.38
	103	25.20	7.80	12.00	19.80
	104	28.60	12.20	8.00	20.20
	105	15.65	9.20	2.00	11.20
	107	1.50	4.40	2.00	4.60
	108	3.20	4.20		4.45
	109	11.40	18.00	6.50	24.50
	110	19.00	7.35		7.35
	111	5.50	12.60	14.00	46.85
	112	2.40		1.50	1.50
	116	.25	5.45	7.00	7.00
	117	23.80	6.00		6.00
	118	33.80	10.60	1.00	.85
	119	16.70	12.00		12.00
	120	37.00	5.40	10.00	17.15

Secretary's Report for January.

No.	P.C.	Init.	Sup.	But.	Asst.	Total.
1	\$7.20	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$1.00		\$11.20
2	37.40	4.00	1.50		42.90	
3	252.29			\$52.20	304.49	
4	4.80		6.00		10.80	
6	50.40	18.00			68.40	
7	11.80	10.00	6.00		27.80	
8	13.00	4.00	3.20		20.20	
9	49.40	6.00	10.00	1.00	66.40	
10	17.60		1.00		18.60	
11	5.80	1.00			6.80	
12	2.80				2.80	
14		14.10			14.10	
15	6.40	6.00			12.40	
16			2.50		2.50	
17	40.20	12.00			52.20	
18			10.25		10.25	
19	4.60	2.00	1.50		8.10	
20	67.00	46.00	1.25		114.25	
21	18.80	2.00			20.80	
22	10.20	12.00	1.50		23.70	
23	7.00	2.00			9.00	
24	21.20	4.00			25.20	
25	19.60	8.00	1.00		28.60	
26	13.40		2.25		15.65	
27			1.50		1.50	
28	3.20				3.20	
29	10.40		1.00		11.40	
30	15.00	4.00			19.00	
32	5.00		.50		5.50	
33	2.40				2.40	
34	5.20			.25	5.45	
36	8.80	15.00			23.80	
37	23.80	10.00			33.80	
38	13.20	2.00	1.50		16.70	
39	35.00	2.00			37.00	

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121	\$15.40	\$2.00	\$17.40	Amount on hand Jan. 1	\$533.91
122	\$4.40		\$3.00	Interest on money in bank to date .	46.36
123		\$12.00	12.00		
125	12.20	25.00	37.20		\$580.27
127	9.20		.50	9.70	
128	8.80			8.80	
130	7.90			7.90	
131	9.40		.75	10.15	
132	2.80			2.80	
133	18.00	2.00		20.00	
134	4.00	2.00		6.00	
135	2.60			2.60	
136	4.20	10.00	3.75	17.95	
137	7.40	18.00	1.00	26.40	
138	4.80	2.00		6.80	
140	11.20	2.00	3.00	16.20	
141	3.20		1.50	4.70	
142			2.25	7.75	
143	7.20		.50	10.00	
144	5.80	6.00		11.80	
145	7.60		.75	8.35	
146	6.40	3.00	6.00	15.40	
147	5.20	2.00	3.10	10.30	
148	6.80	2.00		8.80	
149	9.40	5.00	1.00	15.40	
150	10.50		1.75	16.65	
151	15.80	57.00		72.80	
156	6.40			6.40	
158		7.00	9.00	16.00	
159	3.60			3.60	
162		9.00	11.00	20.00	
				\$1523.99	
				597.00	
				183.48	
				40.25	
				60.95	
				2405.67	
				Init. and dues from members of	
				lapsed L. U.'s	11.50
				Supplies not sold through L. U. .	.10
				Buttons " " " " "	16.00
				Adv. in Electrical Worker	16.00
				Total	\$2,449.27

RECAPITULATION.

Amount on hand Jan. 1	\$2,775.68
Receipts for January	2,449.27
	\$5,224.95

Amt. paid from gen'l office

3,119.07

Amt. in G. Secy.'s hands Feb. 1

\$2,105.88

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. SHERMAN.

Treasurer's Report for January.

		Jan. 31, 1901.
R. P. Gale, Exp. to E. B. Meeting .	\$209.50	
F. H. Russell	79.93	
R. R. Trpp	97.80	
F. J. Roth	47.20	
J. H. Maloney	40.00	
P. Coghlin, N. B. T. C. Convention .	75.00	
		\$549.43

Amount on hand Jan. 1	\$533.91
Interest on money in bank to date .	46.36
	\$580.27
Expenses	549.43
Balance on hand	\$ 30.84
Warrant for Thos. Wheeler, general ex-	
penses for \$53.56, paid in January, was by	
mistake charged in December's report.	

Fraternally submitted,
P. H. WISSINGER,
Grand Treas.

Expenses for January.

T. Wheeler, exp. E. B., St. Louis .	\$53.56
F. H. Russell, " " " .	79.93
R. P. Gale, " " " .	209.50
R. R. Tripp, " " " .	97.80
F. J. Roth, " " " .	47.20
J. H. Maloney, " " " .	40.00
H. W. Sherman, " " " .	57.00
F. J. Sheehan, " " " .	90.00
F. J. Sheehan, strike benefit, No. 37	100.00
R. R. Tripp, strike benefit, Texas .	1,000.00
R. R. Tripp, exp. Texas strike .	208.07
P. Coughlin, exp. N. B. T. C. conv.	75.00
J. H. Maloney, " " " .	50.00
R. H. Bradford, org. 119, New Bedford, Mass.	8.55
J. W. Slaughter, org. 142, Wheeling, W. Va.	10.00
J. C. Taylor, org. 51, Reading, Pa. .	15.00
Death claim 118, Jos. Cole	100.00
" " 119, H. Salander	100.00
" " 120, H. W. Malbon	100.00
" " 121, Ed. Kennedy	100.00
Thos. Wheeler, general exp.	162.12
P. H. Wissinger, salary 1900	200.00
H. W. Sherman, " Jan'y	100.00
M. K. Clinton, " " " .	40.00
E. M. Parry, " " " .	20.00
W. G. Spinning, printing G. O. supplies	4.05
W. G. Spinning, printing L. U. supplies	84.25
W. G. Spinning, printing E. W. .	333.00
J. J. Ernisse, emblematic buttons .	142.00
Mailing Worker	15.21
Telegrams	14.27
Postage	15.88
Express	19.73
J. R. Bourne, seals	14.00
W. W. Powers, rent Jan'y	12.50
J. Swanton, cartage Jan'y	1.00

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Scranton, Wetmore & Co., office supplies	1.80
Gas bill	.64
Total	\$3,722 06

ELECTRICAL NOTES.

Latest Inventions and Discoveries of Interest.

The construction of the first electric tramway in London is rapidly approaching completion.

All the Russian war ships on the Chinese station are to be fitted with Popoff's system of wireless telegraphy. The experiments with this apparatus have been carried out up to distances of 40 miles with perfect success.

Electricity is now beginning to be extensively used in Calcutta for various purposes, such as lighting, fans to take the place of punkhas that were pulled by coolies, for driving machinery, etc.

One of the large agricultural implement manufacturers has about completed arrangements to engage in the manufacture of the Borsig electric plow for the American market. This machine has come into very general use in Europe and will probably become popular here.

A new method for hardening and increasing the life of storage battery plates has just been patented. It consists in dipping the plates alternately in acidulated water and a dilute solution of pyridin, which is a complex chemical substance derived synthetically from coal tar residues. In the pyridin solution is a small quantity of alcohol, and it is asserted that the combination of all the agencies concerned results in greatly strengthening the plate mechanically and also by highly oxidizing the plate in making it of considerably higher capacity than it would be without this treatment.

Recently Dr. W. Frendenthal of New York read an interesting paper before the American Electro Therapeutic association on the subject of the value of electric light in the treatment of tuberculosis of the throat and lungs. Sunlight and electric light, he said, have the same effect upon the system, and it has been proved by thousands of cases already treated that the beneficial result of treatment by electric

light is due to the action of those rays which approximate most closely to sunlight, the blue and the ultra violet rays of the arc light.

A remarkable instance of a battery of accumulators working under water was recently given at the municipal plant in Munich. The station is situated on an island in the Isar, and during a flood the water covered the batteries. According to The Scientific American, one of the batteries which ran the car lines was completely cut out, and it was thought that the other, which furnished light, would have to be treated in the same way. The flywheels of the engines were half in the water. Nevertheless as it was almost indispensable to light at least the principal streets of the city it was decided to try to operate the submerged battery. The attempt was successful, and the battery which had been constructed to give 6,000 ampere hours with a 600 ampere discharge was able to furnish 4,000 ampere hours during the night. The remainder was lost in discharges in the water.

A TESTIMONIAL.

We read in the daily papers a testimonial which starts off something like this. After taking nine one dollar bottles of your ————— I was completely cured, etc.

You will not find any medicine recommended at the end of this article. I only wish to call attention to the fact that the people who pay for advertisements, as outlined above, do so as a plain business proposition and are reasonably sure of a large return upon money so spent. That is, they thereby induce people to buy and use their medicine.

Below will be found a partial list of the good deeds, in the last two and one-half years, my local has done for me. Also what I have done in return.

It has paid my rent and bought my winter's coal (by giving me fifty cents per day more since our successful strike of June 1 to July 1, 1898.) It has, upon numerous occasions secured enjoyment for me, and always protected my rights when encroached upon.

It has given me (by reducing from ten to eight hours per day), two hours per work day to spend at home with my wife and

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babes. (This, in itself, at our scale of wages, is quite an item.) It has assured me of time and one-half for overtime for Sunday work. It has regulated the amount of car fare I shall receive and designated when I shall be paid for my work.

It has given me (by the aid of a paid up card when away from home), an unchallenged reputation, when otherwise I might have been a stranger.

It has furnished social and intellectual entertainment.

Within call, one hundred men would have assisted, upon appeal, in an hour of need. It has also demonstrated to me that I am not the only electrician on earth.

I do not feel that I am a particular favored one of Local Union No. 1, I. B. E. W.

I have paid my dues, attended 75 per cent. of meetings, voted for the best interests of the union and made a kick or so.

Fraternally yours,
PHIL C. FISH,
St. Louis, Mo.

LONG WIRE SPAN OVER CONNECTICUT RIVER.

According to the Western Electrician the aerial span of long-distance telephone wires across the Connecticut river, near Middletown, Conn., which is 1,300 feet long and consists of 20 wires, is the longest in existence. The circuits are those of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company connecting New York and Boston.

The wires are supported on two steel towers, and these towers are 1,300 feet apart. The towers are built to carry 40 wires, but at the present time there are only 20 wires in position. These are placed 10 on an arm, about one foot apart, and are insulated by saddle-shaped insulators. It was necessary to string all these wires at equal tension, to avoid their crossing in windy weather. To obtain this equal tension each wire is fastened to an iron bolt five-eighths inch in diameter and about 20 inches long. This bolt is provided with a strain insulator at one end and a tightening nut at the other. The tower on the east bank is 182 feet high and stands in a clearing. The tower on the west bank stands upon a bluff on the opposite side of the river, and on this account is only 82 feet high.

It is interesting to note that the wire used on these 1,300-foot span is the tough Phono-electric, made by the Bridgeport Brass company of New York. It is asserted that this wire is homogeneous throughout and does not depend upon a hardened skin for its strength. This homogeneity gives Phono-electric wire remarkably high tensile strength, elastic limit and great ductility. The size of wire used is No. B. W. G., which has a tensile strength of 82,000 pounds to the square inch and elastic limit 40 per cent. greater than that of hard-drawn copper wire. These characteristics enable the tightening devices to draw the span exceptionally taut.

WHO IS JONES?

Dedicated to my friend, Jerome Jones, of Atlanta, Ga.

Who made a record in the South?
Jones.

Who's fed many a hungry mouth?
Jones.

Who fights for Labor night and day,
Works hardest for the smallest pay,
For his pains is called that "Labor Jay"?
Jones, Jones, Jones.

Who tries to lessen Labor's cares?
Jones.

Who picks the wheat from out the tares?
Jones.

Who meets you with the gladsome "mit,"
And doesn't care a little bit
If your shoes are shabby and your clothes
misfit?
Jones, Jones, Jones.

Who's here and there and everywhere?
Jones.

Who never fails to Do and Dare?
Jones.

Whose hand is always on the "throttle"?
Who tells the craft to shun the bottle?
Who's the papa of that tiny "tottle,"
Jones, Junior, Jones?

Who helped the "fixer" in ninety-four?
Jones.

Who is true blue to the very core?
Jones.

Who beards the lion in his lair?
Who strives to make the Southland "fair"?
Who never tries to pump "hot air"?
Jones, Jerome Jones.

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Who knows no "class" in Labor's realm?
 Jones.
 What steadier hand could guide the helm
 Than Jones?
 What difference does it make if he
 Won't live his heart's desire to see?
 He's lived and died for Labor, and he
 Is Jones, Plain Jones.

HARRY LANGDON,
 Buffalo, N. Y. Local 45.

NIAGARA AND ITS POWER.

About twenty years ago, says an exchange, proceedings were held in New York to forward a movement to preserve for the people the grand spectacle of the Falls of Niagara. The measure readily commanded the sympathies of intelligent persons on both sides of the Atlantic, and prominent among them were those of high scientific and literary reputation. The State of New York acquired a considerable area along the shore of the Niagara River, including the islands and the bed of the river to the international line. Up to this time with its improvements it has cost the state three millions of dollars, and it is maintained at an annual moderate outlay of about thirty thousand dollars. It is annually visited by half a million persons from all parts of the globe.

The people of the City of New York paid for fully one-half of the cost of the property and still pay more than one-half the cost of its improvements and maintenance. So it is to be borne in mind constantly that all parts of the state are equally interested in its preservation and it is not to be turned over to be administered solely by, or for the benefit of those of the immediate vicinity who paid but a fraction of the expense of its acquisition.

Strangely enough, the Legislature, after purchasing the property, proceeded to grant the rights in it that are not unlikely to work its destruction. No less than eight corporations have, or claim to have, acquired rights to use the waters of the river for manufacturing purposes, most of them to an extent without limit; two of them, however, are limited to two hundred thousand horse power.

The value of one horse power is, stating it moderately, \$5 per annum. Thus it will be seen that one of these companies de-

rives from the state a value of one million dollars per annum without paying a copper for it, and the very same company acquires a right to two hundred and fifty thousand horse power on the Canadian side upon the annual payment of a large sum of money. As properly might the gentlemen who are enjoying this immense donation from the state get ten thousand or twenty thousand acres of land of the state in the Adirondacks for nothing. If these gentlemen get the water from the river which is of such value, they should pay for it as they do in Canada.

But should it be allowed at all? Should this stupendous manifestation of natural sublimity, unique on this planet, be effaced, in order that a small part of the community may fill their pocket?

The subject was up in the last constitutional convention and upon a well-considered report it was recommended that the Legislature be forbidden to grant rights to take these waters except for domestic or fire purposes. But the representatives of the factories interested prevented the passage of the wholesome recommendations of the committee, and destruction still holds the helm at Niagara.

It is answered by the beneficiaries that their factories contribute to tax values and give employment to labor, making no mention of the fact that the half million visitors per annum at the falls contribute to our railroads, to our hotels and shops vastly more than all the increase of taxes caused by their manufactory.

The questions are: First, should these grants of valuable water power be made at all?

Secondly, if made is it more than just that they be paid for same as any other property of the state be paid for?

It is apparent that both the British government and the United States should unite in a thorough examination of questions involved in the diversion of waters of the great lakes, by an international commission to inquire into and report upon the whole subject.

The city engineer of Rochester, N. Y., has just prepared a new map showing the location of all street lights. The accompanying figures go a long way toward jus-

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tifying the claim of Rochester that it is the best-lighted city in the United States: There are 2,932 street lights, of which 2,324 are single arc lights, 464 double arc lights and 144 gas lights. The cost of the service is about \$250,000 a year, and the cost of lights per night is as follows: Double arc, 40 cents; single arc, 25 cents; gas, eight cents.

In Memoriam.

Resolutions adopted by Local No. 126 at a special meeting held Jan. 4, 1901:

Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty, in His inscrutable ways, to take from this life our worthy friend and brother, Fred Cloud; and

Whereas, His was a character beyond reproach, a man of sterling qualities, a true friend and brother, and as an indication of our esteem and high regard for him, be it

Resolved, That we tender his family our sincere sympathy in this their hour of bereavement and commend them to God, before whose will we must all submit; and be it

Resolved, That we drape our charter for thirty days, spread these resolutions on the minutes of our local, and forward a copy for publication to the city papers and our official journal.

E. G. FERREL, Chairman.

Resolutions adopted by Local Union No. 20, I. B. E. W., Greater New York:

Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty God in His infinite wisdom, through His earthly inexorable messenger, death, to call from our midst our esteemed brother, John Murphy;

Whereas, In life he was possessed of a character beyond reproach, worthy of confidence, honor and justice, always friendly and brave;

Resolved, That we as a union in brotherly love pay tribute to his memory by expressing our sorrow at his loss and extending to his mother and relatives our deepest sympathy in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That we drape our charter for a period of thirty days as a token of respect

for our esteemed brother, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minute book of our local, and that an engrossed copy be presented to the mother of our deceased brother and a copy be forwarded to our official journal for publication.

M. J. FARRELL,
C. A. ELMORE,
JNO. McGINN,
Committee.

Resolutions adopted by Linemen's Local No. 9, I. B. E. W., Dec. 22, 1900:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom, through His earthly messenger, death, to visit us and call from our midst our esteemed brother, William Layton;

Whereas, In life he was possessed of a character worthy of confidence, honor and justice, and in appreciation of the services which he has rendered this local as a brother, be it

Resolved, That we tender his afflicted wife and family our sincere condolence and our earnest, heartfelt sympathies in the loss of a loving husband and a devoted father; and be it further

Resolved, That we as an organization in brotherly love pay tribute to his memory by expressing our sorrow at his loss and bow in humble submission to the will of an all wise God; and be it further

Resolved, That we drape our charter for the period of thirty days as a token of respect for our esteemed brother; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this local and that a copy be forwarded to the bereaved family of our deceased brother, and a copy be also forwarded for publication in our official journal, the Electrical Worker.

J. L. COLLINS,
J. CHRISTENSON,
J. RUTH'D ARMSTRONG,
Committee.

Resolutions adopted by Local No. 20, Greater New York, Jan. 29, 1901:

Whereas, It has pleased God in His infinite wisdom, through his earthly messenger, inexorable death, to visit us and remove from our midst our esteemed brother, John Salander, and

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Whereas, The intimate relations held during an electrical and social career by our deceased brother with members of this union makes it our solemn duty to express our esteem for his manly worth and deep sorrow at the loss, and of the still heavier loss sustained by those nearest and dearest to him, therefore be it

Resolved, That the sudden removal of such a brother from our midst leaves a vacancy and shadow that will be deeply felt by all members of the union and his friends, and that in deep sympathy with the afflicted relatives of our deceased brother we express our earnest hope that even so great a bereavement may be overruled for their greatest good; and we bow in humble submission to God's will; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, our charter be draped for a period of thirty days, as a testimonial of the respect and esteem in which our late brother was held by his fellow members, that an engrossed copy be presented to the bereaved family of our deceased brother, and copies be presented to our official journal for publication.

JOHN MANGAN,
EDWARD FERRY,
D. B. MOSTELLO,
Committee.

Resolutions adopted by Local No. 68 of Denver, Colo., I. B. of E. W.:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call from our midst our esteemed brother, C. T. Dougherty; and

Whereas, In life he was possessed of a character beyond reproach, worthy of confidence, honor and justice, always friendly and generous; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, as a union of brothers, pay tribute to his wife and relatives by our deepest sympathy in their bereavement and commend them to God, to whose will we must all bow in humble submission; be it further

Resolved, That we drape our charter for thirty days as a token of respect for our deceased brother; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minute book of our local, a copy engrossed and presented to the wife of our deceased brother, and a

copy be sent to the Electrical Worker for publication. W. H. ANDERSON,
HARRY TEELE,
Committee.

Resolutions adopted at a regular meeting of Local No. 146, I. B. E. W., Bridgeport, Conn., held Feb. 1, 1901:

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has taken from this world the mother of our worthy brother, W. R. Dyer;

Resolved, That Local No. 146, of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, extend sincere sympathy to our brother in his hour of grief; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes and a copy be presented to our brother, and published in the official journal.

M. PELAN,
E. B. MAHONEY,
M. McMAHON,
Committee.

Resolutions adopted by Local Union 37, of the I. B. E. W., Jan. 18th:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to take from this life our worthy brother, Cornelius Marsh, and

Whereas, Our short acquaintance had endeared him to us, and those who knew him well speak of him as a possessor of a temperament and character beyond reproach, and a man worthy of confidence; therefore, be it further

Resolved, That Local Union 37, recognizing the ties of brotherly love in our fraternal associations, pay tribute to his memory, and to his family and relatives express our deepest sympathy in their bereavement, and we commend them to Him who doeth all things well. Be it further

Resolved, That our charter be draped for a period of thirty days as a token of respect to our deceased brother; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our meeting, a copy sent his sister, and a copy printed in our official journal.

F. J. SHEEHAN,
J. J. TRACY,
T. F. HERBERT.

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Resolutions adopted by Local 138 on the death of the mother of Bro. J. Coolican:

Whereas, It has pleased Divine Providence to remove from this world the mother of our esteemed brother, J. Coolican,

Resolved, That Local Union No. 138, I. B. E. W. extend our sincere sympathy to our brother in this his time of sorrow.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes and a copy be presented to our brother, also a copy be sent to our journal for publication.

H. E. WIMELAND,
F. X. STAUB,
M. B. LARIMER,
Committee.

DEATH OF A GRAND LODGE MEMBER.

Cairo, Ill., Feb. 3, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Bro. Joseph Hawkins died here the 1st inst., in St. Mary's Hospital, after an illness of 12 days, with pneumonia. He was not a member of any local union, but a member of the Grand Lodge. Please publish it in the Worker so his many friends in the middle west may learn of the death of our worthy brother. We thank the sisters at the hospital for their kind treatment through the illness of our brother. He was taken to Russiaville, Indiana, for burial. If he is entitled to a death benefit please let us know. Fraternally yours,

THOS. W. PECK,
L. U. 143, Conneaut, O.
M. M. BUCKLEY,
L. U. 89, Akron, O.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks for the kindness bestowed upon me by Local Unions Nos. 68 and 121 of the I. B. E. W. during the sickness and death of my husband. Most thankfully and respectfully,

MRS. C. T. DOUGHERTY.

What are the effects on the man outside the union when he hears union men maligned and abused by their fellow craftsmen on the streets or in the bar-room? Are such actions calculated to inspire the non-unionist with high ideals of the fraternal spirit of trades unions? Think it over, and when next the majority of the union does not see things your way, control your tongue and remember that "to

err is human." Affairs are righted by wise counsel and not bar-room sessions.— Exchange.

THE CROAKER.

By Joe Lincoln.

Once on the edge of a pleasant pool,
Under the bank where 'twas dark and cool,
Where bushes over the water hung,
And rushes nodded and grasses swung,
Just where the crick flowed outer the bog,
The' lived a grumpy and mean old frog,
Who'd set all day in the mud and soak,
And jest do nothing but croak and croak.

Till a blackbird hollered, "I say yer'e now!
What is the matter there below?
Are you in trouble, er pain, er what?"
The frog sez, "Mine is a orful lot;
Nothin' but mud and dirt and slime
Fer me ter look at jest all the time;
It's a dirty world!" so the ole fool spoke,
"Croakity-croakity-croakity-croak!"

"But yer lookin' down!" the blackbird said;
"Look at the blossoms overhead,
Look at the lovely summer skies,
Look at the bees and butterflies;
Look up, ole feller. Why, bless yer soul!
Yer lookin' down in a mus'rat hole."
But still, with a gurglin' sob and choke,
The blamed old critter would only croak.

And a wise ole turtle who boarded near,
Sez ter the blackbird, "Friend, see here;
Don't shed no tears over him, fer he
Is low-down jest 'cause he likes ter be;
He's one er them kind er chumps that's
glad

Ter be so mis'rable like and sad;
I'll tell yer something that ain't no joke,
Don't waste yer sorrow on folks that croak."

A writer in Municipality says that the Co-operative Telephone Co. of Grand Rapids, Wis., now rents 300 telephones and has increased its capital stock to \$10,000. The rents are uniform, being established at first at \$2.50 per month for business houses and \$1.50 for residences, and after six months a dividend of 1 per cent. a month was declared. After eighteen months the rates were reduced to \$2.25 and \$1, and the dividends were increased to 1 1/2 per cent. a month. The net cost of service to each of the renting stockholders shows a cost of \$24 a year for business houses and \$7 per year for residences.

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 " 15—No. 153, Wilmington, N. C.
 " —No. 162, Omaha, Neb.
 " 18—No. 51, Reading, Pa.
 " 22—No. 116, Los Angeles, Cal.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS keep away from Little Rock, Ark., until further notice.

How do you like us in our new suit?
 Any fault to find or suggestions to make?

NOTICE.

P. H. Wissinger is no longer grand treasurer of the I. B. E. W., his resignation having been accepted.

ANY of our readers knowing the whereabouts of J. M. Burch, of St. Louis, Mo., will confer a favor by writing to his mother, Mrs. M. E. Burch, 1814 A. Papin Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

F. S. MCNEALY, of Local No. 109, wishes the brothers of that local who are on the road to keep him posted on their addresses and he will send them the Electrical Worker.

NOTICE.

The strikes in Texas are still on and members of the I. B. E. W. are requested to keep away. It does not show the true union spirit to go in to a city when there is a strike on and accept a position with a company, when men are walking the streets and their wives and little ones perhaps in need. The locals in Texas are putting up a good stiff fight and should receive the support of all locals, not financial merely, but by keeping away until the strike is settled.

IN THE December number of the Worker an annoying error on the part of the printer crept into the grand president's letter. In the next to the last paragraph on page two, in referring to Local Union 41, Bro. Wheeler appears to say: "But they do NOT have the right, constitutionally, to demand that a brother deposit his card while working within their jurisdiction," etc. In this case the word "not" was put in by the compositor, the copy reading, "But they do have the right," etc. In the same paragraph, the next sentence above, the \$4 should be \$3 as price per day on the Pan-American work.

THE COLOR LINE.

The question of whether we would allow negroes in our Brotherhood or not, which was submitted to referendum vote, the returns show, conclusively, that the electrical workers do not wish them in our organiza-

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tion. The returns show only six locals which are favorable, and some who favor their admission have expressed themselves very emphatically, saying we have no right to refuse our colored brothers and prevent them from becoming union men. To those we wish to say we cannot make up our mind to believe any member of this Brotherhood voted no with such intention. The colored men have as much right to organize as the white men; they can get a charter from the A. F. of L. and form locals of their own. As the referendum stands strongly in favor of the No, the matter is settled.

TO THE MEMBERS ELECTRICAL WORKER.

Beginning with this issue the Worker will appear regularly on or about the 17th day of each month. Every member of the International Brotherhood is entitled to and should receive a copy every month. Failure to secure the Worker regularly should be reported to this office. The Worker, as will be seen, appears in an enlarged and generally improved form. In order to make it what it ought to be, a truly representative organ of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and at all times reflecting the views of a majority of its members, it behoves every individual member to assist in the gathering of such news or opinions as may be of interest to the organization at large. Every member has a right to have his views made known through the columns of the Worker, that is to say in reference to the Electrical industry or the general labor movement. We will be pleased to publish any and all communications from members bearing on these subjects. Communications must be signed by the writer. The name, if desired, will not be published. Write only on one side of the paper, avoid all personal matter and write your convictions without fear or favor. After you have received a copy of this issue of the Worker and have carefully perused every line it contains, kindly sit down and drop a postal card or letter to this office giving your approval or disapproval in reference to the policy pursued. If you desire to make any recommendations or suggestions kindly do so. All communications, in order

to insure publication the same month, must be in the hands of the editor on or before the tenth day of each month.—The Editor.

OUR LOCALS.

Local Union No. 1.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The bottom seems to have dropped out of the wiring business in this city. For several weeks past wire pullers have been very much in evidence at B. T. C. headquarters, and if all questions that are likely to come up during the 20th century are not settled it will not be the fault of the wiremen. From present indications there will be quite a colony of St. Louis wiremen in Buffalo to assist at the opening of the Pan-American.

On March 1st No. 1 commences its triennial preliminary bout with the St. Louis contractors. The committee (it has not yet been appointed) will be expected to secure \$4.00 per day, and unless there is an additional guarantee that all members now in the union, or who may hereafter be admitted, work 365 days in the year, a necktie party will undoubtedly be organized.

The I. B. E. W. was well represented at the convention of the N. B. T. C. held last month in Cincinnati. The "Electricians" headquarters at the Gibson House was practically the headquarters of the convention. It came a little high, but was necessary. Too many of our unions are not alive to the importance of being ably represented in central, national and federated bodies.

As the representative of the E. B., Bro. J. H. Maloney will make an official report, and as the writer has satisfied No. 1 that he can blow in \$125 without getting seasick himself (this was the only part of my report I was asked to swear to), I will not go into details.

While in Cincinnati I had the pleasure, in company with our other delegates, of attending a meeting of No. 30. This union has increased many fold in membership since I last visited Cincinnati, but the wages and hours of work are the same now

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as they were in 1896. We told the members of No. 30 a few plain facts and hope none were offended. This union has a fine staff of officers and will be heard from in the near future. The initiation ceremony as conducted by Pres. Berkely and his assistants is the best I have witnessed in any of our unions. A candidate who rides the goat in No. 30 will not soon forget it. Bro. Charles Smith, who represented the union in the convention, was one of the few members who realized the importance of the conduit question and almost single-handed carried on the fight.

Electrical workers—mechanics engaged in the construction and installation of all devices by which the energy or force known as electricity is generated, transmitted or utilized. This, we believe, is the first attempt ever made to define the trade jurisdiction of electrical workers and has been approved by the N. B. T. C. Our unions should see that it is enforced in their respective jurisdictions.

Now that the "pipe question" is settled, let us go after the theatrical electrician.

ELECTRON.

Local Union No. 2.

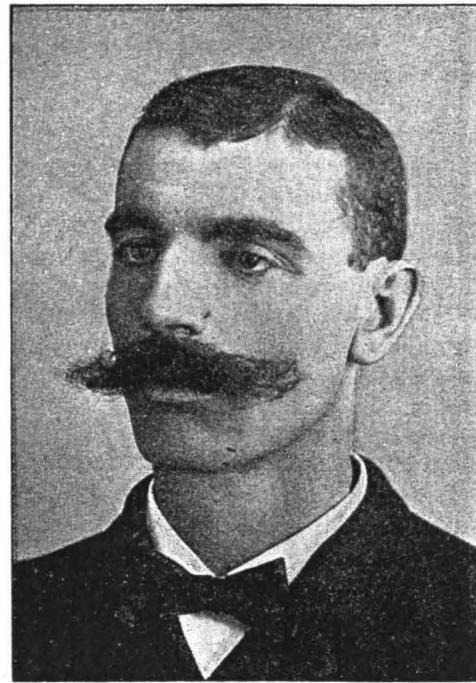
St. Louis, Feb. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I am sorry I did not get anything in the January Worker under the heading of No. 2, but will try and see that I get something in after this. We thank the Executive Board for the \$200 they sent us, but we are at a loss to see how the 4th V.-P. could hang the actions of the whole Executive Board. We can look at the Worker and find that Texas got about \$1,500, but still to Local No. 2 \$200 is paid under protest. The E. B. when in St. Louis must have forgot that there was another local in town besides No. 1.

We had about twenty new applications from some boys that were unfair in our last strike and they were all turned down, which I think is a bad thing to do, as we can do more with them in than out.

Local No. 2 had the misfortune to lose Bro. James Kelly by death, and a week later his brother, who was a bricklayer, died. All brothers extend their heartfelt sympathy to their relatives.



T. A. WARNE, PRESIDENT.

Bros. Stormy Ferguson and Ed. Blank have returned from Texas.

Bro. Thomas Brewster took unto himself a wife on Dec. 31, 1900. We hope that she will be a big help to him. Bro. William Williams did the same thing on Dec. 24. We think he ought to have waited until the next day and got a Christmas present which we think would have been acceptable.

Here is the list of officers elected:

Pres.—T. A. Warne.

Vice-Pres.—J. J. Manson.

Rec. Sec.—Wm. M. Seldon.

Fin. Sec.—G. C. Allen.

Treas.—J. T. O'Brien.

Foreman—J. W. Holtman.

Press Sec.—R. A. Blaetterman.

1st Insp.—Nelson Christison.

2d Insp.—J. Westfall.

Trustee—J. J. Kittinryner.

Del. to C. T. and L. U.—Bros. Blaetterman, Manson, Allen C. Phillips.

Bus. Agent—G. C. Allen.

From the outlook of things labor will be a big factor in the election that is to take place in our town soon. Will try and send a longer letter the next time.

Fraternally,
ROBT. A. BLAETTERMAN,
Press Sec.

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Local Union No. 4.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

At last the electrical workers of No. 4 and No. 130 have given their long-looked-for smoker, and the least to be said of it is that it was exceedingly grand. I think each local will be benefited by bringing the boys together and entertaining them so nicely.

I notice our press secretary said in the last Worker that there were lots of bad hops here. Well, if there are, we failed to get one, for nothing but peace and harmony reigned within our hall. Well, I had better get to my own business and let our press secretary tell all that is coming from No. 4. We have elected new officers and I believe we have the right men in the right places, with the exception of myself, as I feel that some other brother could do as much if not better justice than I. Wishing all the Brotherhood greater success throughout the ensuing year than they ever accomplished before, I am,

Fraternally,

R. M. BENSON,
Rec. Sec.

Local Union No. 6.

Editor Electrical Worker:

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 6, 1901.

The following is a list of officers elected for ensuing term:

Pres.—A. F. Irwin.

Vice-Pres.—Benj. Smith.

Rec. Sec.—J. A. Roxburg.

Fin. Sec.—Edw. Smith.

Trus.—L. D. Monlin, R. G. Alexander,
W. M. Law.

Foreman—Edw. Wiskotchill.

Insp.—Mark Antley, Gustave Shumann.

Owing to a protest they have, however, not as yet been installed.

Yours fraternally,

A. E. DRENDEL.

Local Union No. 7.

Springfield, Mass., Feb. 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I will endeavor to let the Brotherhood know about the doings here. Our local was represented at the New England Conference; we sent three delegates there and they did lots of business, which I will

leave for our New Haven local to write about, and I hope he will report it in full. I understand it will be held in Providence, R. I., next April. I was looking over some back numbers of the Worker, letters of other press secretaries, and I think the letter that Joseph McGilvary, of Local No. 7, wrote in February of last year, is what all others should read and do. The letter is all right.

Bro. Lynch, electrician at Overman's shop, has resigned his position at the Falls and accepted a position from the P. C. Fitzpatrick Electric Co. Bro. Hornes has resigned the office of Rec. Sec. on account of having too much business on hand. We are very sorry. Business is fair with all but the New England Telephone linemen. There were a lot of old and union men laid off and a lot of new and non-union men kept working—a mystery to us all, but there'll come a time some day.

Well, about our station. Bro. Monely, formerly of Bridgeport, told me a scheme about how they tested arc circuits down there. "I connect up the 100-volts current on the arc switchboard and whenever there are open circuits I put it on and it helps the linemen to find trouble very quickly. The boys say it's all right."

Brothers, I would like to say a little more about the 20th century. The success of electricity during the next fifty years will benefit the farmer, the chemist, the miner and the householder, while railroads will discard steam for the third electric rail. Of course we shall see by electricity. The telescope is a beautiful apparatus but antiquated in many respects. It is not unlikely that the electric heater and electric fan will be rivaled by mechanism creating the sensations of coolness and warmth more subtly. Electricity, while abolishing many outworn methods of predecessors, will meanwhile be refining upon itself; it will obtain much of its supply of current directly from fuel, without boiler, engine or dynamo. By present methods we get only about five per cent. from fuel of the possible energy in it, and our best house lights have an efficiency of only about three per cent. There lie two great problems for the 20th century. Electricity will, however, furnish cold-light lamps in which no stick or filament of carbon con-

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sumes. It will transmit without tangible circuits; it will help to make the balloon as feasible and common-place as the automobile, but its nature bids fair to rest in mystery. The electrical success of the next fifty years will depend upon men who have been trained to be electrical engineers and inventors. The triumphs of the past fifty years have been achieved entirely by men who had no electrical education in their youth, and whose mastery of the five "C's" of electricity—copper, carbon, castings, coal and cascades—is due to their own efforts. It is not rash to assume that the electrical inventions near at hand will at least equal those of Morse, Edison, Bell, Kelvin, Tesla, Sprague and others of equal intellectual rank in their respective branches. The greater lies before us.

Now about the negro question, that all locals are about to discuss before the coming convention. The admission of negroes as members into our Brotherhood is at the present time commanding the attention of every local union from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean, and soon we may expect to have the matter discussed pro and con in the Worker.

This unfortunate question has been forced upon us by the granting of a charter to negro electrical workers in the South, the Executive Board being ignorant at the time of granting said charter whether the workers making application were white, black, Chinamen, Indians or squaw-men, the simple fact being that an application for charter was made and granted, and thus confronting us with a great and serious problem which no doubt will sway the destiny of our noble order.

When the ever-lamented Abraham Lincoln extended the wand of emancipation over the negro of this entire land and bestowed upon him the privileges and blessings of citizenship, he gave to him power, through the medium of the ballot, equal to that of the white man, and of this privilege the blacks have ever availed themselves. While the intelligence, skill, etc., of the colored race has not, and in my humble opinion never will, equal that of his liberators, and this has been ever demonstrated, times innumerable, through the years.

We in the East, where few of the col-

ored gentry rusticate, look more upon him as a novelty, and cannot realize his influence for good or evil as is experienced among our Southern brethren; and while from a philosophical point of view we acquiesce in allowing them membership as a separate and distinct local union, were we placed in the same condition and surrounded by similar influences as the electrical workers of the South, we may be as adverse to their admission as members of our body as union men as they are in that section of the country.

Personally I am not antagonistic to the blacks as union men, and believe that intermarrying with them will produce alone good results, in many respects they supersede white blood in strength and especially is this true during the hot season of the year, when their magnetism is readily discernable. Of course the writer is simply speaking, or rather writing, from personal experience, and does not attempt to vouch for other members of Local No. 7.

However, this negro problem will require by the heads of our Brotherrhood careful and due deliberation, and whatever decision they may arrive at will be acceptable to No. 7 as being for the best interest of the order, and we ask the assistance and aid of Him to guide them wisely and courageously in rendering a verdict that will meet with the approbation of every local, that absolute harmony may again reign supreme among us.

Hoping all the boys success,

Yours fraternally,

T. H. B.,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 8.

Toledo, O., Feb. 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

No. 8 has not been heard from very regularly through the Worker lately, and being one of the members that raised a "kick" on the press secretary's negligence, I was quickly elected to fill the position, so brothers you will have to put up with me for a while. At a meeting held January 28, No. 8 endorsed the idea of the Brotherhood going in the insurance business, thinking that it will be a good thing for all members, and linemen in particular, they claiming that it is a hard matter to get satisfac-

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Local Union No. 9.

Chicago, Feb. 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

While the editors of the world are dividing the space in the columns of their papers between the dead Queen, her funeral, and the 50 or more "blue bloods," including Eddie the VII., and the little less noted individual,—Mrs. Nation, the human Kansas cyclone,—they are to us but the passing of a show.

We have so much before us that requires our attention, we have so much wherein we are interested, and to say it in as few words as possible,—one is at his wits' end where to start. My last letter being exceptionally long accounts, I suppose, for the many typographical errors occurring; however, in the future No. 9 requests every word sent you for publication shall appear in The Electrical Worker. While I realize that no man should complain of being weighed on his own scales or measured by his own yard-stick, but any alteration of either would to him, at least, make a wonderful difference. As it was, I tried to tell No. 14 something and I guess they wonder what I was driving at. However, I hope we will hear no more about it.

The letter of No. 65, Butte, Mont., was a masterpiece of literature for plain, honest common sense argument its equal has never been penned to our official journal. He spoke for every member of the Brotherhood, and I hope to see all the locals show their appreciation by thanking No. 65 for the spirit of their convictions.

No. 9 through the untiring efforts of our business agent, Bro. A. E. Jackson, who has handled the field for the last two months, has set new lights burning each week. We are going to give a smoker before March 1st, at which time our higher initiation fee goes into effect, and which will be the last opportunity for the struggling few to avail themselves of the low rate.

Since the strike of the trolley-men last fall, the street railway company had retained the "king scab," H. C. Sharp, with two plowboys or barb wire-fixers like himself. A short time ago they started to handle 350,000 C. M. across the Chicago & Northwestern's tracks in this city. He succeeded for the second time in transforming

tory insurance in any of the regular companies on account of the risks they are exposed to.

Work is very quiet here at the present time. Two of the boys were reported out of work at our last meeting. We expect to have a busy spring and summer though, for there are a number of good buildings to be built. The Masonic Temple burned down last Monday night and there is talk of putting up a ten-story hotel on the site, in case the Masons decide on a different location for their temple, which they claim they will rebuild.

We elected an Examining Board at a recent meeting, something that we have been agitating for some time, but for some reason or other never brought to a focus. "Professors" Lucas, Elbert and Pratscheck compose the board, and they promise that anyone coming before them will have to toe the mark.

We have initiated three members and received another application so far this year. No. 8 is coming right along now. We certainly were down low for a while, but are getting back into shape again.

Brothers, don't forget that we meet every Monday night and we want to see you all present. This idea of coming once a month or once in two months to pay dues is all right in its way, but we want to see you oftener.

I am sorry to report we had two brothers on the sick list lately, Bro. DeForet and Bro. Haviland, who is in Detroit now; but they are back in shape again and ready for work.

The following is a list of our newly elected officers, and they are all good ones too:

Pres.—F. L. Lucas.
V. Pres.—E. R. Miller.
Rec. Sec.—L. J. Pratschek.
Fin. Sec.—H. J. Baker.
Treas.—M. C. Luttenberger.
Foreman—C. R. Marryott.
Inspector—J. W. Strubb.
Press Sec.—M. C. Luttenberger.

Well, Mr. Editor and brothers, this is my first attempt, and hoping to do better in the future, I remain, fraternally yours,

M. C. L.,
Press Sec.

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electric light, telephone, city poles and trees into toothpicks so quickly that the company is yet wondering how it was done. It looked as though one of those Kansas cyclones mixed with some of that lightning from the place, which is said to have frightful ambitions in going around looking for something to strike at, had visited this section. But as it was, in short, this scab and his followers allowed the feeder to sag so that the cowcatcher of the "Cannonball" passenger train, which came sauntering along at the rate of a mile per minute, buckled into the conductor and it is needless to say that something happened. The engine stopped not until the next station a couple of blocks off was reached. The engine was badly disfigured, yet snorting at the big coils of junk wrapped around itself and the train. The company, upon hearing of it, made a few mysterious but brilliant flourishes and "king scab" or otherwise has not been seen since.

It is with a feeling of honor that I herein submit the names of the different officers of Local No. 9 for publication:

Pres.—W. A. Jackson.

Vice-Pres.—M. J. O'Malley.

Rec. Sec.—Jas. L. Collins.

Treas.—Wm. Knapp.

Fin. Sec.—Jos. Driscoll.

Foreman—M. White.

Inspectors—H. Knapp, Peter Boyle.

Trustees—H. Cullen, Chas. Enochson, E. Dickinson.

Delegates to the Federation of Labor—H. Cullen, M. J. O'Malley, A. L. Dunn.

Brothers, how about the insurance? Is it not what is wanted? If \$2,000 insurance is considered too much, why not make it \$1,000? Take it up and don't fail to give us your views as soon as possible.

As my letter is getting somewhat long, I will close with an appeal to every brother to look after the welfare of the Brotherhood (and labor generally), allowing no man or set of men to narrow the limits of our liberty because it may be profitable to them. If we do this, we will attain that triumphant elevation which has been the crystallized hopes and longing of humanity for all the centuries.

Yours fraternally,
P. E. CULLINAN,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 10.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Resolutions were adopted at a regular meeting of Local Union No. 10, on the death of H. S. Dixon, and a copy sent to our official journal for publication. Since my last letter to the Worker things have changed very much in this locality. We have had the misfortune of having fourteen of the boys laid off at the Street Car Company on account of work being slack, and furthermore, I will say it will be advisable for line men to stay clear of Indianapolis, as everything is dead here at present. Inside men are requested to shun Indianapolis as there is nothing going on yet. We have a strictly union town and all of the boys are well in line. All of them are very prompt in attending the meetings, which are held every Monday night. Our local has increased wonderfully in the last year. I would be pleased to hear from No. 25, not having seen anything from old Terre Haute for a long time. What is the matter down on the banks of the Wabash, boys? Wake up, let the Brotherhood hear from you once in a while; let us know you're in town. Brothers, why not make Indianapolis our headquarters, as it is a fine city and the greatest railroad center in the United States. Give this a thought.

Fraternally,

CLAUDE PAYNE,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 11.

Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 4, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As it is time to have a word to say for No. 11, it is up to me.

At the last convention of the New England division of the Brotherhood, held in New Haven, Conn., last month, Local No. 11 was not represented, owing to the fact that our delegate could not leave his duties on that particular day. We will hereafter see that it does not happen, as the importance of such an event is by no means a trivial matter in the interests of the order.

The same old cry, "Where is my Worker," is the only word or words which half of the members of this local greet the officers with. I mentioned this fact in the Worker last month, but without improvement, so I will have to kick again.

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There is no change in conditions as regards work.

By some means or other a prominent member of the Sons of Rest has got possession of a card of some local and works a little game on the railroads by riding free on trains on which union men have charge. Information as to who gave him this card would result in ridding the order of a very undesirable member, as we do not want to be classed as tramps or the like.

I would request the members and officers of other locals who may have need to communicate with this local to look in the Workers for the list of officers. Some of our ex-officers and members are receiving mail for this local right along and, as the letters are addressed to them, they are on the safe side when they open them, which as you know, is very wrong.

Yours as a brother,

P. J. HORGAN, Press Sec.

Local Union No. 13.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 3, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As you have not heard from No. 13 in a long time, and as we have had a hard time keeping a press secretary, I take the liberty of writing you a little nonsense. El Paso is very dull at present, having had her first carnival. All the visitors pronounced it a success in every way. The electrical decorations were very few, for the reason that we could not get the current, as the light companies are about loaded to their limit.

I want to correct a statement which appeared in the January Worker, and that is, that there is no strike on in El Paso, as we had a contract with light companies and supply houses for \$3 and nine hours, which will not expire till next April, when we will present the State scale. If they don't sign you may hear from us. The S. W. Tel. Co. here would not sign our scale at all, and as we could not get the operators in, and they having no long-distance lines out of here, what good would it have done for the four men to walk out? It would mean that they would just give their places to scabs. Now I will say that we are strictly union here in this place, but it is pretty hard to get a quorum on meeting nights, as El Paso supplies N. M., Old

Mexico and Arizona with electricians. At present there are only 11 of us left here to carry on No. 13's business; however we will continue to hold meetings as long as there is a quorum in the city, which will be for all time to come, as our city is growing faster than all the rest of the cities in Texas. Quite a number of the brothers have passed through here going to California. Bro. Shorty Bunting has gone to Wilcox, Ariz., to take charge of a plant. Bro. Geo. White is up at Almogordo keeping his eyes on the arc lights, and Bros. Myers, Burke and Albertson are in Old Mexico stringing wire.

Our union does not take to the insurance plan on an assessment basis. I will close for this time, as our press secretary might write a letter this month. I am,

Yours, &c., JOHN BLAKE.

Local Union No. 15.

Jersey City, N. J., Jan. 20, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

After three months' tardiness, I will inform the brothers at large, if they would like to visit us, that we have taken unto ourselves a new home and meet every Monday evening at 168 Beacon Ave.

On our last meeting night we gave a smoker and public installation of officers. During the evening we were entertained by the Rev. A. Kennedy Duff, late chaplain of the New York State Senate; also by Bro. Thomas Conroy, business agent of the Hudson County Building Trades Council; songs by Master David Conroy; a funny story and rag-time cake walk by Bro. M. F. Scott. I would like to state for the benefit of the stay-away brothers that they missed one of the grandest lectures I ever listened to from the Rev. A. K. Duff, who is whole heart and soul in the organization of labor. The smoker was a grand success and all hands enjoyed themselves. Following are the newly-elected officers:

Pres.—W. A. Gross.

Vice-Pres.—E. Arrington.

Treas.—M. Downes.

F. S.—J. Bartley.

R. S.—Wm. Miers.

Foreman—Wm. Grassman.

1st Insp.—H. Little.

2d Insp.—Wm. Dunkkoop.

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Trustees—E. Kenna, Scott Hiller, Allen Watters.

Bldg. Trades Council Delegate—William King.

Alternates—J. Hanna, H. Hansen.

Del. to Cen. Labor Union—M. F. Scott.

Jan. 18th we were surprised and also glad to have a visit from our grand president, Bro. Thos. Wheeler, who gave the boys a talk on the labor question to date, which was greatly appreciated. We also gave Bro. Wheeler a surprise, as he came to try and arrange a settlement between Locals 3, 15, 52 and 102, and to his surprise he found Local 15 composed of men who could settle their own grievances, which they had done before his arrival in town. We look for no selfish motive, but true unionism and fraternity.

Yours fraternally,
E. ARRINGTON,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 16.

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 25, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

No. 16 is still in the land of the living. It has been in existence one year now.

Bro. "Water-Tank Jack" Hoskinson blowed into Evansville a year ago with a card from No. 9. He was blacklisted with the Telephone Co. and there was no work in town, so he concluded he would organize a local. He got two or three names on a paper and commenced dodging around through alleys and keeping out of sight of the head gazabos, but at last he landed enough to get a charter and organized Local No. 16. Just had enough to hold the charter, but the boys held on like grim death to a sick nigger, and they pulled through all right. Nearly all the wire-patchers in town belong, and I think with perseverance we will have all of them before long. We have 39 members now—18 new conversions to our side of the question in November and December. On Jan. 21st No. 16 installed officers. They were as follows:

Pres.—Frank Neff.

Vice-Pres.—L. Hargus.

R. S.—Dorris Lindell.

F. S.—H. P. Destler.

Foreman—E. K. Ridenhour.

Press Sec.—C. L. Tyner.

Insp.—L. Riggs, Roy Hoskinson.

Trustees—L. Riggs, W. Schlange, Dorris Lindell.

This is a good set of officers.

"Pink" Neff has concluded to become a home guard. I think, with the girl he has and the presidential chair, he will be contented to spend the rest of his days in Evansville.

Hello! Bill Johnson. What is the matter with 84? She has not cut in for two months. What is the matter with you swamp angels down there? Where are Uncle Rastus, "Cap" Owens and all the boys? You want to spur up and let us know where you are at. I would like to hear from "Hungry Bill" Henderson.

I see quite a few locals not represented in the Worker, but there is quite a contrast to January, 1900, when there were 98 locals in the list, and January, 1901, there are 199. That is very good for one year; let the good work go on and let every one write something for the Worker, for a floater looks forward to the coming of the Worker as much as a letter from home.

Bro. Clarence Kern has a gang up in the wilds of Perry county (if they are not lost). He always has a place for a brother with a card, but it is a fierce proposition from what the boys say—native sticks, etc.

Well, I will work my cut-out for this time and give room for something else in our valuable paper. I remain,

Fraternally yours,
SLIM, P. S.

Local Union No. 17.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Time passes away slowly but surely, and each day we are reminded of some duty to be performed, some duty that we should not neglect. This is one of mine, about the seventh or eighth of each month. It is a duty that I take great pleasure in, though it is somewhat out of my line of business. I try to do the best I can and hope No. 17 will make the best of a poor selection. I think it is the duty of every local to have a press secretary and see that he does the best he can. We are interested in every local and enjoy reading their letters in the Worker. Come, press secretaries, wake up and let us have your views on all matters of interest to us all.

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One of the most important of all, in my mind at present, is the talked of insurance in our Brotherhood. No. 17 has discussed the matter quite thoroughly, but the idea does not carry much if any favor here. The conclusion come to by our deep thinkers is that some one is looking for a fat, soft snap. Saying nothing about the high-priced insurance companies, there are too many fraternal societies that will give us all good protection at rates that cannot be lowered consistently by the I. B. E. W. I myself am in two of them and consider both first-class, and I only pay a small increase above the regular rate. As we understand the communication, all members would be assessed alike. Now, would that be right? I carry all the insurance I can afford to pay for at present. Would it be right to assess me to keep up this fund of \$2,000? Why, this would disrupt the organization; the members who did not want insurance would not stand for it. If it was not compulsory, how many members in our entire Brotherhood would take it and pay the assessments to keep up a \$2,000 fund? At a 50-cent assessment, it would take a membership of 4,000, and when two or three and even more assessments came in the same month it would be very expensive protection.

Another thing, new offices would have to be created with well paid officers to fill them. Who is going to pay them? The grand treasury now cannot support but one local at a time if they get in trouble. Let us fight for our rights. The Brotherhood was not organized to insure its members, but to raise the craft from the depths to a level whereby we could command and receive just compensation and fair treatment in return for our time, brains and sinew, with which to conduct a home and support a family and enjoy some of the pleasures of life with them while we live.

The purpose for which the Brotherhood was organized has not been reached yet—there are many things we want and need in the I. B. more than we need insurance. We want a complete victory. We must and will have it. Victory must come to those who strive for and persevere to gain it. Let us continue the good work with renewed energy; do not be satisfied until the haven has been reached. In the mean-

time, we can get all the insurance we want.

I will tell you of a case that came to my notice not a great while ago. The Brotherhood of Railway Switchmen wanted an insurance and the matter was given a thorough investigation, and at their convention held in Detroit about a year ago it was dropped. Why? They could find no plan to conduct insurance that was not too expensive. Officers of the different companies and societies were invited to explain their plans and rates of assessments for their organizations, and after a thorough investigation of these by the committee who had the matter in hand, the International Congress of Dowagiac, Mich., was endorsed and recommended by the brotherhood as having the best plan of fraternal protection at the lowest possible rates of assessment consistent with good protection. I am proud of being a member of this society and would advise those looking for good protection to examine their plan. But I only mention this matter here to show what the Brotherhood of Railway Switchmen did about insurance in their brotherhood. I am quite sure I express the sentiments of No. 17 when I say we hope the matter will be laid over indefinitely at our next convention. Let us not forget the purpose for which we are organized. Let "Upward and Onward" be our motto. We have many brothers who need work more than anything else, and the question is, "How are they going to get it?" Work is quite plenty through the country, all things considered, but just as long as the trusts and monopolies can keep us grinding away ten or more hours a day they have no use for these idle men, and when so many men are out of work the companies are very independent. If you do not like their style you can hit the pike, there is always some one to take your place and many glad of the chance. The eight-hour day is what we all need, what we want, must, and will have. Then it will require more men to do the same amount of work, and with fair pay we will all have a chance to live and support our families. Then our poor-houses and penitentiaries will not be quite so crowded, our taxes will be less and there will be more men paying taxes. One-third of our time is enough to labor; we need one-third for

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rest, and we certainly are entitled to one-third for education and pleasure. Let us work continually for this end, for what we believe to be just and right. We are glad, indeed, to learn of the victories by other locals where they have gained the eight-hour day. Let us push on.

I must not forget to tell you that our third grand ball was a grand success in every respect, and I will just say to the few who did not attend that you missed the greatest pleasure of your life. Yours truly sold tickets at the door, and say, talk about the ticket seller at a circus—he just wasn't in it. I was making change in my sleep that morning.

Now, I wish to say a word to brothers out of town. Please send your dues to the Fin. Sec., as you will note in the directory in the Worker, and any correspondence for No. 17 to the Rec. Sec. I am not now nor have I been Fin. Sec. for about four months, but I have received a great many dollars for dues since I resigned the office, all of which, as I received them, I have turned over to the Fin. Sec. Look in the directory once in a while; do not think one man holds the same office all the time. I am not unwilling to do a favor, especially for traveling brothers, but send your money to the proper person and many mistakes will be avoided.

Hello, Bro. Edd of No. 73, how does the world use you? Thanks for your congratulations. I wonder if Frank Swar of Texas remembers me in Jerry Louis' gang, the Ohio farmer?

We have quite a number of brothers on the sick list. Bro. Frohm has had a very severe time with his eye, but we hope to see him out soon. Bro. Regan is in very bad shape, having been confined to his bed for a long time, with two or three months more of the same dose, but we hope to see him out again well and able to get around.

God, in His infinite wisdom, has again called in our midst and removed from us our esteemed Bro. Edward Kennedy, who entered into rest Jan. 15th. No. 17 conducted the funeral and bore the remains to their last resting place in Woodmere Cemetery. Again we can but say he is blest, and so time passes on.

Yours fraternally,
E. L. HAWES,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 18.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 17, 1901.
Editor Electrical Worker:

Local No. 18, of Kansas City, Mo., started in the new century with new officers, whose names you will find in the roster. These officers are proving themselves efficient and are bringing out new interest in the local's welfare. President Adams demands order and respect and gets both. We hope to make great advancement ere the year is past, and will endeavor to keep you posted through the Worker as to how we succeed.

Bro. C. H. Adams, our worthy president, fell 24 feet from an extension ladder while stringing 2-inch lead-covered cable, and sustained a fracture of the left forearm and a severe bruise over the left eye. After several weeks at home he is out again and will soon be able to return to work.

Bro. Short had the misfortune to step on a banana peel and fall, which resulted in a broken leg. He got up to our meeting this week on crutches.

No. 18 would like to hear from Bro. White, who left us several months ago to take a position with a St. Joseph newspaper. We miss his presence at our meeting. If he reads this, please take notice.

A short review of the past year's work in Kansas City may prove interesting to some. The large jobs were: Three theatres, two shoe factories with electric light and power, three large hotels, several large warehouses in the wholesale district, Convention Hall and smaller jobs to the extent that it kept everyone busy from April 1st till January 1st, with considerable overtime. And the greater portion of all this work was done by union men. I think 90 per cent. of it was thoroughly union. We had one strike during the year, which was settled four days after it was called. We consider it a prosperous year and are well satisfied. This year is different to starts with, but I think that spring will bring the usual rush. Many of us are idle now and probably will be for two months. Floater, take notice.

Six deaths from electricity is the record for last year. All but two were ground men. We also had several serious accidents among the linemen.

Bro. F. M. Ross, of Indianapolis, No. 10,

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is here and has a position as stock clerk with W. T. Osborn & Co. We hope to see him at our next meeting.

CHAS. S. RYERSON, R. C.

Local Union No. 27.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As I stated in my last letter that I would try and describe the officers elected by Local No. 127, I. B. E. W., for the year 1901, but on looking over the list I will ask all brothers to excuse my mistakes. Well, here goes. Bro. G. Spellman was elected president. Now, all brothers who are acquainted with our worthy president will know that I would have to take up ancient history to give this brother justice, but as I have not the time, I will pass to our vice-president, Bro. W. Cooney, lately of Cleveland, but now with No. 27. In our vice-president we are fortunate in having a walking constitution and also an encyclopedia on strikes and troubles. We now pass to our recording secretary, Bro. W. Kemp. He, I understand, is an ink slinger of the old school, so I hope all our communications will receive speedy and reliable answers. Next we come to financial secretary, Bro. John Connolly. From the way in which he has been handling the cash and getting the books in shape, I think the United States government is overlooking a very good man for bank examiner.

Bro. W. W. Gilbert was elected again for the office of treasurer. He is a tried and trusted union man, but as he is a lineman we keep him bonded. We now come to the "Rough Riders." Under this head we have two inspectors, Bros. A. Rutledge and G. Newcomb. All brothers who have met our two inspectors will know they are of the right kind, that is, they are good union men. Next comes our foreman, Bro. Charles Waltin. Bro. Charley is a hard worker, as on the coldest night you can see the perspiration standing on his face as he answers the door. But as we are passing through the 300 (excuse me brothers), I mean the list of our worthy officers, we come to a trio that we are "dead" easy to write about. They are the trustees. Headed by the venerable and gray-headed brother, J. P. Durkan. Next, the brother who gives us those pigeon stories, C. H. Gantz. Last

of the trio, Bro. E. Connolly, to those who know him, no comments are necessary. Sergeant-at-arms and business agent, Bro. A. Hobbs is our heavy man who does the rush act. Then comes the scribe, but I will not say anything about myself, as I will try and disgust you all before the year 1901 is over.

A delegation from our local visited No. 148, in Washington, on Jan. 26th, in regard to some union business. They report No. 148 in a flourishing condition and a very clever set of men.

We had the honor to have our Worthy Grand President, Bro. Wheeler, with us in January.

Local No. 27 propose holding a ball in the near future, and hope that all brothers who have coin and are passing through on specials, will not forget us and I am sure we will give them a run for their money. Wishing the I. B. E. W. success, I remain

Yours, fraternally, P. F.

Local Union No. 28.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 4, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Time again has been called and I will put in a few licks for Local No. 28, that all may know we are still forging ahead.

Our ex-grand treasurer "dropped in" on us unexpectedly Thursday night, Jan. 31st, and gave us a little talk about the progress the Brotherhood is making in different sections, and of the hard fight the brothers are putting up in Texas. Come again, Bro. Wissinger; we are always glad to see you and extend to you a hand of welcome. We are watching the fight on in Texas, and assure the brothers they have our best wishes for a final victory.

Bro. Wissinger also told us that Baltimore unions, by the indifferent attendance at meetings, had caused to be scattered abroad through the land a bad reputation, of being inactive and dead. This is not wholly without foundation, for some nights the attendance is very small; but I fear we are subjects of some unjust condemnation.

Brothers, this won't do; let us bestir ourselves, that we may prove to visiting brothers that we are union by principle, and not for narrow, selfish and mercenary purposes. This reminds me that two weeks

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ago a floater scab came into the shop for a job. While the foreman was busy I asked the gentleman if he carried a working card. "No," was the very impudent reply, "unions are no good." etc. He was politely informed that if he went to work in this city he would have to be a union man. This took the gentleman (?) down a peg and he allowed "if it was necessary he could join the union." Brothers, by indifferent attendance one would be led to believe that we are union for our job, and are not infused with the principles that are the life of unionism.

Our By-Laws have been returned by the grand body approved, and go into effect effect Feb. 1st, 1901. It is two nights' attendance each month now, or pay a fine of 25c., applied as dues. Our initiation fee of \$15 is one step in the right direction and 75c. per month dues (which includes the Federation of Building Trades' card), shows No. 28's progressive and aggressive fight against low wages, long hours and unskilled labor to be another move in the right direction.

Organized labor will find, by being thorough in requirements as to eligibility to membership into unions, strict attention to business, always working to employers' interests, that victories in time of trouble will be more easily won. Being thoroughly organized is the only weapon labor unions have, and to be equipped on lines of defense one must attend meetings and be familiar with the forces in reserve.

Work in the city at present is very slack and some of the boys are "pressing brick." We of course do not like the job, but we all have a chance at times. The prospects for work in the spring are good, and we hope in the near future to see every brother at work again full time. Any brother seeking work had better steer clear of Baltimore for the present.

The fire on Jan. 30th which resulted in the total destruction of Bostock's "Zoo," in which over 200 animals were cremated, and a loss to the management of nearly \$200,000, was the result of defective wiring. Happily for Baltimore men this wiring was done by the management's own electrician. While we do not claim that all union men are proof against poor electric wiring, we do claim that better workmen can be found

in the organization than out of it.

No. 18 henceforth is a journeyman's union. No more apprentices admitted after Feb. 21st, 1901. Our agreement with the contractors' association regulates the ratio of apprentices to wiremen, and an applicant must stand the examination before the examining board before being eligible to membership, and prove himself otherwise worthy before admission into the union is granted.

Holmes-Rose Electric Co. secured the contract for wiring 24 fire engine houses in the city. It is evident they figured very low to get the contract, for they tried to work the boys nine hours, when all city work is eight hours. No. 28 got after them pretty hot and gave them notice that a warrant would be served on them if they continued to work nine hours. They then tried to work eight hours and pay for eight hours only. This we stopped pretty suddenly by giving notice that any brother working for less than the scale of \$3 per day would have charges preferred against him. Messrs Holmes-Rose finding they could not make themselves whole to the detriment of the men, agreed under protest to pay the scale for eight hours' work. Had they been allowed to work as they began it would have established a precedent for all future city work. Of course No. 28 could not stand for anything like that.

Fraternally,

A. S. MEACHAM, P. S.

Local Union No. 29.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I will endeavor to let some of our brothers out of the city know that No. 29 is progressing nicely. Work here is very dull. The Home Tel. Co. has laid all its men off with exception of two. The Bell Co.'s floating gang laid off five men last week. The Electric Light Co. is doing work in the small town of Pennington and has a small gang of men working there.

Bro. Halford, who lost his leg some time ago, is getting along very nicely and is going to get measured for an artificial leg this week. Our old brother, Riley Twigg, was here to see us about a month ago and all the boys were pleased to see him again. The old man is crippled up very badly

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from the fall that he had in Pittsburg about four months ago. Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM BRISTER, Press Sec.

Local Union No. 30.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 8, 1901.
Editor Electrical Worker:

I hope I am not too late to get this letter in its proper place. We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month and I always like to wait until we have our first meeting before writing. After the first of March No. 30 will meet every week. We have so much business to attend to that it is almost midnight before we can get through. At our meeting last night we had seven initiations (our goat was in fine form), and we have ten applications pending and several more in sight. If we keep on at the rate we have been going in a few months there will not be a wire patcher in Cincinnati but what will be in the union. May the time soon come is our earnest desire, for there is room in our branch of industry in this city. It is our aim now to get enough members in our local so we can have a walking delegate to look after our interests. We are affiliated with the B. T. C. and they have a walking delegate, but we think that if we had a delegate of our own that our interests would be looked after better.

Since you heard from us the N. B. T. C. have had a convention in our city, and from what I could learn it was well attended and the meetings very enthusiastic. I am pleased to say that the inside men scored quite a victory at the convention. There has been quite a discussion here between the gas fitters and electrical workers as to which trade the interior conduit work belonged. The gas fitters contended that it belonged to them and the electrical workers contended that it was theirs, but now it is all over, the convention declaring in favor of the electrical workers.

We were pleased to have with us during the convention four visiting brothers. They attended one of our meetings, but it was impossible for me to be with them as I was on night duty at the time. From what I can learn they censured us for being so slow. If the brothers knew what No. 30 had gone through they would not censure us. There was a time when it was almost

impossible to get enough together to transact our business, but we are pleased to say that conditions have changed.

I notice that there is a great deal of dissatisfaction in regard to the fee that is charged for examination in some of the cities. Like some of the brothers, I think it is an injustice. At the Pittsburg convention, if I am not mistaken, it was decided to change the word "National" to "International" Brotherhood, so the E. B. would have jurisdiction in Canada as well as in the United States, and now there are locals in the United States that are going contrary to the constitution. It seems as though some men have forgotten the meaning of brotherhood. We organize to protect each other's interest and not for any selfish purpose. These locals, who have become strong, should not make it a point to extort from those who have been less fortunate than themselves. If the Executive Board is going to allow that sort of thing, we may as well withdraw from the Brotherhood and each city have an independent organization of its own, as to have to pay as much to be examined by this examining board as it costs to become a member. I think it is man's inhumanity to man that has placed the workingman in the condition he is in to-day, and may the time soon come when we will look to other people's interest as well as our own.

I would like to state in the Worker that we have the application of Ed. Robinson and he will be initiated at our next meeting. He is in the list of those that scabbed at Cleveland and we would like to have his name taken from that list. Mr. Robinson is a foreman for the Bell Tel. Co., and since his return from Cleveland he has favored union men and has shown by his actions that he is sorry for what he did. I think it will be the best thing ever happened No. 30 to get him among us, so you will oblige us very much by removing his name from that list.

Yours fraternally,

WM. PRICE, Press Sec.

Local Union No. 31.

Duluth, Minn., Feb. 7, 1901.
Editor Electrical Worker:

For some unexplainable reason the undersigned has again been called upon to

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perform the duties of reporter to our valuable paper, and I guess it must be because he is single and has no wife and children to be bothering him when he is trying to write.

Duluth has been rather quiet so far as electrical work is concerned lately, though we have not much to complain of on the whole, as most of our members have worked steadily until about a month ago. Prospects are fairly good for the coming summer and Local 31 is ready to take care of her interests pretty thoroughly. We have about all the men in that are eligible to membership and a better crowd of men it would be hard to find in the average union. It seems that a climate that brings 30 below zero in the winter and colder than — sometimes on the Fourth of July is calculated to make hustlers and incidentally kickers. Not chronic kickers, but the kind that kick when it seems for the best good of all concerned, and who reason as well as kick. A thing which kills many a meeting is that there are not enough of the members with interest and sense in their heads to get up and express their opinion on the subject under discussion and take a decided stand on it one way or the other.

One of our little members, Bro. Charles McDonald, found the climate too cold, or our hills too high, or our macadam streets too hard, so he migrated to Buffalo, that Pan-American town you've heard of so much lately, where the thermometer never gets too low, where they have no hills and where they use only asphalt paving so that everyone may ride a wheel. Take good care of him, No. 41, for he is a hustler, even if he is from the "saintly cities."

Your reporter had occasion recently to visit the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, and while there was much impressed with the way certain members took hold of the union work and pushed it wherever any possible good could result. One instance was that of a man (?) who came to town to pick up some others (who would also need a question mark after calling them men), to go down to San Antonio, Tex., to take strikers' places. Had it not been for some members of Local 24 he would probably have got fifteen or twenty. As it was, when our boys got through with the case he only

had seven left to go with him on the unfair work. That's the way to accomplish results, and all credit to those that did it.

It's now my turn to open the circuit.

CLIFFORD L. HIGGINS, P. S.

Local Union No. 32.

Lima, O., Feb. 7, 1901.
Editor Electrical Worker:

As I have been elected to fill the office of press secretary, which I never have had the privilege of holding before, and have taken the responsibility upon myself of writing a letter to the Worker, something entirely new for me, I will try and do the best I can. Work in this section is a little slack, but our Fin. Sec. and Treas. and foreman of the L. T. Co., E. Kraus, is most generally digging up enough work to keep ourselves and Local 32 in most satisfactory circumstances. We have 22 members and enough money in the treasury to organize a sick and accident benefit, which was brought up by our enthusiastic brother, O. Snyder, who is always on deck with an eye for business.

Bro. Geo. Barrick had a very painful accident up at Cleveland while working for an electric light company. He was working on a pole and got hold of about 2,300 volts. One hand was burnt to a crisp and the other about as bad, but we all hope for his speedy recovery.

Well, as this is my first attempt at writing up our Stonewall Local 32, I will close with the names of newly-elected officers:

Pres.—C. H. Lee.

Vice-Pres.—L. J. Barber.

Rec. Sec.—W. C. Holmes.

Fin. Sec. and Treas.—E. Kraus.

Inspector—Geo. Diemer.

Foreman—J. C. Neff.

Trustees—B. Davis, C. Lee, W. Holmes.

GEO. DIEMER, P. S.

Local Union No. 33.

New Castle, Pa., Jan. 9, 1901.
Editor Electrical Worker:

As I have been elected press secretary of our local, I suppose I had better report. At our last meeting night, Dec. 31, 1900, the members had a high old time. Our financial secretary announced that there was a box of tobies and that we would have a "smoker." Everything went lovely till

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our newly elected foreman, Walter Stoc-ton, came walking in with the goat. He appeared to have a good hold of him, but when some one threw a piece of paper under Mr. John McCasky's chair the goat made a dive for it and Mr. McCasky got his bumps in good style. He took it all good-naturedly and when he finally got himself together he said: "When I am secretary I will see that goat don't get anything to eat for six months." The goat was finally taken out and our meeting called to order.

I wish to announce that Bro. George Steaveson is able to be about again. The new list of officers is as follows:

Pres.—Fred Harrison.

Vice-Pres.—Charles Cunningham.

Rec. Sec.—James Daggart.

Fin. Sec. and Treas.—John McCasky.

Foreman—Walter Stoc-ton.

Inspector—Wm. McCulla.

Trustees—Fred Harrison, Joe Hutchison, Clarence Severance.

Yours truly,

CHARLES TEETS,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 40.

St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 1, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

No. 40 meets every Thursday at 7:30 o'clock, at Building Trades Council Hall. The boys are all working as reported last meeting. No new work going on; all repair work employing their monthly men. We are still after the sign tackers, but letter writing to the proper officers will do no good. It is easy to consign it to the waste basket. A good live committee, with lots of ginger, that can't be put off with a few oily words, with about 5,000 amperes, ten times as much voltage, is about the proper caper.

Bro. Bastain had his right foot mashed Jan. 23 on St. Joe avenue, by a pole falling against it. He was taken to his boarding place, 12th street, between Jule and Felix streets. He is doing as well as can be expected in such cases. The brothers should drop in on him to cheer his lonesome hours.

Bros. Martin and Snowden, of Hasty Messenger fame, are getting things in shape, everything modern and up to date.

We wish them success and a thriving business.

The widow of Drake, the lineman killed on Frederic avenue, was awarded \$5,000 damages against the Mo. & Kan. Telephone Co., which was the unanimous verdict of the jury. A few more of such decisions and there will be a general cleaning up in St. Joseph, which will do the city lots of good. Since the recent change of the Street Railway Co. the brothers employed there are all foremen, and the consequence is they are all fitting themselves out with new caps, as the bands have become defective; that is, too tight. Nothing like having good men to do your work.

No 76, P. S.

Local Union No. 43.

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 6th, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I was in hopes that some other brother would fill the duties of the P. S. instead of myself for the next six months, but No. 43 went right along, no matter what protest I offered, and elected me. I am sure my past endeavors did not warrant a second term of office, as I was out of town quite a little and could not give much attention to writing for the Worker.

I should like to have seen our old friend, "Ling" Williams, fill the bill of P. S. "Ling" has moved his laboratory down to the Valley, a suburb of this metropolis, and could give the brothers interesting letters from his experiments. I was talking with the brother a few days ago and I found out he had a hobby which, if worked out, will certainly startle the community at large. He intends damming all the brooks within a radius of three or four miles in his vicinity, forming an extensive reservoir, and get a fall second only to Niagara. The turbines, generators, etc., are too fabulous for me to try to explain. If any of the brothers are interested I am sure if they call at his laboratory or address him by letter he will be pleased to give them the required information.

My letter in the December Worker brought the boys around to our last meeting to a man, with one exception. Pretzel couldn't see it; nothing but a smoker will bring this brother around. Be sociable; old man; bring around your foot ball locks and see what No. 43 is doing.

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We installed the following officers at the meeting of Jan. 25, 1901:

Pres.—H. E. Yorker.
Vice-Pres.—L. J. Weaver.
F. S.—F. H. Yorker.
R. S.—F. H. Kinney.
Foreman—Wm. Garber.
P. S.—"Bill Nye."

Inspectors.—J. F. Williams, D. R. Stringer.

A committee from No. 79, Bros. Ed. Guyatt and Daniel Cambridge, attended the above meeting to talk over getting up a new agreement between Nos. 43 and 79 as regards 43 doing outside wiring and 79 doing inside wiring. There was a committee appointed to confer with 79 at their pleasure. The above brothers also asked 43 to join them in having a ball sometime in February. No. 43 seemed in favor and appointed a committee to get together with 79 and talk it over and report back to our union next meeting night. Come up, Pretzel, you are a twister from way back, and we will put you up for floor damager.

Contractors Thompson and Cronin have overstepped the mark again in having non-union men working for them. Our R. S., F. H. Kinney, was instructed to write the contractors that if they did not drop the non-union men we would have to call off our boys.

Fraternally, "BILL NYE."

Local Union No. 44.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 3, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As it is a couple of months since I have written a letter to the Worker, and as last month was one of casualties in the Flower City, before I finish I will give the reader a few of the sad things we have been up against. Local No. 44 has rented a new hall, corner N. Water and Andrews, which will seat 300 members. We hold meetings on the 2d and 4th Thursdays of each month, and as the meeting night does not fall on anyone's pay day, the brothers can not make that an excuse for staying away. We have every reason to believe that our members will start the year with renewed energy, for it is a hard matter for a local of 100 or so members to have 17 or 20 of that number try to transact business for the others. In nearly every instance the stay-away members have a kick coming, and the result is, those that attend meet-

ing are tied up and afraid to make a move. How often have we heard union men say, "Oh, I am a union man all right, but I never get to the meetings for it makes a man tired to hear them argue so much." A man, to be a trades-union member, should take as much interest in the meeting as a child should in her studies at school. Every meeting is something new; every argument is something learned, but still how many men do we meet who sit in council and act like "wall flowers." They are in a great many cases the first ones to kick, and at the same time will vote "Aye" before thoroughly understanding the question. Were it not for the arguments on questions, how would any of us understand them. When you meet a man who stays away from a meeting because they argue, you can put him down as a—(well, we will not state exactly what). Of course we have men who work nights and overtime, who have our sympathy, and it is the duty of a member who has been at a meeting to relate the points of interest of each meeting to such members, providing they are in good standing; but when it is not caused by sickness or overtime work let them walk up to the hall if they want to find out what is going on.

At our last meeting a committee of five was appointed to draw up a set of By-Laws for the local, and we have got them written and hope they will not be turned down, in their entirety, as it is hard work to draw them up. They will be read for the first time at the next meeting, Feb. 14th, and will be endorsed section by section at the second reading. It is the duty of every member to be present to get his little kick in.

The B. T. Co. has just laid off 27 non-union and three union men, and told them there were jobs for them in Texas if they wanted to go. Just think of the thanks they got from the company for scabbing it in the city, working three months last summer under police protection, and when winter sets in with all its severity lay them off and tell them where there is another chance to scab it. I have heard that they will not go, as some of them declare that they will now and for evermore work on fair jobs or starve to death. We hope they will live up to their promise. Experience is a hard

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school, but a good one. One of those who scabbed it here (I have not heard his name) cried like a baby when laid off, and told the boss that he did not know what he would do, for he said he had no father or mother and was only 28 years old. The foreman felt so bad for him he put him back to work for \$1.50 per day, and the tears of sorrow immediately turned to joy, and his cup overflowed with happiness.

The executive board seems to be up against the real thing, by some of the letters in the Worker, and so I, for one, take the same stand as the writer of Local 65, Butte, Mont. He is right in demanding the recognition of any and all traveling cards issued by their local, and you can bet they will hear something drop when they hold up a member from 44. The Shoemakers' National Union charges \$1.00 initiation fee from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and 25 cents a week dues, and it makes no difference whether the wages are \$3, \$4 or \$6 a day, his traveling card or book admits him to membership in any local. The Iron-Molders' International Union's initiation fee is \$3 in any part of the country, and their cards admit them without any extra fee. I have heard our grand secretary take the floor of our union and he could not find words enough to praise the Iron-Molders and the way they transact business. Our E. B. should never have taken it into their hands to give a local the privilege of holding a member up on a traveling card, but should have left it to a referendum vote. That is the opinion of the writer, and as long as I have the power to push the pen I will state my exact opinions. I have no personal grievance against any member of the E. B., but they have made a mistake and should correct it.

Now, as it is coming on time for our next convention, why would it not be a good idea to adopt the stamp system. That is the best system for paying a per capita tax. As we are to-day, a member may be square on the books of his local and the local in arrears of their per capita tax; but with the stamp system, when a member pays his dues he gets a stamp on his card which is a receipt for his per capita tax and card, and every local will have an amount on hand paid for in advance, which

means a better treasury fund. I hope, if this letter reaches many of the brothers' eyes, they will drain the matter thoroughly in their local and inquire of organizations that pay per capita tax on the stamp system. That insurance question has not come up in Local 44 yet, but it is a good thing, but our E. B. states we have an average of 8,000 members in good standing and a 50-cent assessment would be \$4,000. The deceased would receive \$2,000; where would the balance go? It would be well to have an assessment, but have it enough only to pay the exact death benefit. The question should be settled at the next convention.

We had two large fires in this city and a terrible loss of life. The Hubbell Orphan Asylum had one wing burned to the ground and 31 innocent children lost their lives, along with a couple of nurses, who gave up their lives to save some of the little ones. The Eastman Kodak Co. burned to the ground the same night and three of the firemen were overcome with nitric acid fumes and died from the effects. Several more were taken dangerously sick with it. One of the employees of the R. G. & E. Co., while driving the night wagon to the Hubbell fire, was thrown from his seat on the wagon at the corner of Church and State streets and his skull fractured, but has recovered all right and is at work.

Bro. Bronson fell from a 25-foot pole on the Ridge road and had a bone splintered in his right ankle and his arm badly sprained, but is at the present time doing very nicely. He was employed by the Home Tel. Co.

The following is our list of officers installed for the ensuing term:

Pres.—Ed Marvin.
Vice-Pres.—Phil Curtin.
F. S.—Wm. Carrol.
Asst. F. S.—E. Thompson.
Rec. Sec.—M. Warner.
Press Sec.—W. J. Clarke.
Treas.—Andrew Murdock.
Foreman—Wm. O'Brien.
Trus.—Dan Willis, A. Bristol.

Hoping I will see this letter in its entirety, I will close.

Respectfully,
W. J. CLARKE,
Press Sec.

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Local Union No. 45.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 28, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Owing to the arduous duties incumbent upon Press Sec. Devlin, he wishes me to act in his stead this trip, so here goes, hoping you will charitably overlook all shortcomings.

Things electrical, as far as 45 is concerned, are progressing nicely, and even though a paltry few forever lost their right to be called men, in order that they might install themselves in the good graces of "Pa." Cuthbertson, No. 45, though defeated, is glittering in the dust and all the tried and true are reaping the reward that honest men can always look forward to. Sam Jones originated a word called "stickability," which is adaptable in a measure to the excellent fight made by 45 against that monopolistic vampire, the Bell Telephone Co., and it was a costly engagement for "Pa." and don't you forget it.

Now for a bit of the "Anvil Chorus" on 45. We are too lukewarm in the first place, and too little interest is manifested by individual members. You don't have to keep your heads closed just simply because you don't happen to be president. Get out of that comatose condition, shake off that lethargy, "come out of it," at least long enough to say "yes or no." Store that "hot air" you waste at noon and spring it at the proper place, the lodge room. Another thing that makes a hit with me is that quiet hammering that begins Monday morning and continues indefinitely. (I may get killed for this, but I might as well make it strong.) Don't hypnotize yourselves into the absurd idea that one man can run the local and that your duty is done simply by paying your dues. If you are appointed on a committee, don't imagine that the other fellow can attend to it, for the other fellow may think the same thing. "A house divided must fall," so steer clear of all disturbing influences that have a tendency to disrupt or cause ill-feeling in your local. Be true to yourselves and the rest is easy. A feathered "carrier pigeon" is innocent enough, but deliver us from the other kind, "you know." Mayhaps I have said too much, I hope not, but I do hope that it will land where it will do the most good.

While I am in the notion, allow me to state that there are a few who are deriving benefits accruing directly from the Brotherhood who imagine the union is self-sustaining. Such is not the case, however, and the sooner they "come across" and cough up those back dues the better, for somebody's going to "knock" good and hard and not with a tack hammer either. Some "whine" about the strike being the principal cause of their falling into arrears. They forget that others also experienced the hardships of that same trying period and with large families, too, and managed to pay their dues. One thing I notice, particularly, the "calamity howlers" who are behind in their dues are the most frequent visitors to the various booze bazaars, and that's no "pipe." I may get a bunch of knuckles handed to me for this, but I intend to make the "punishment" fit the crime, and more than that, it would be no credit for any man to lick me and for that reason I talk a lot and wear glasses.

Talk about brotherly love and the milk of human kindness. Not much of it is wasted between the two locals in Buffalo. The fact of the matter is the "hot air" from both sides has had a tendency to sour the aforesaid lacteal fluid. Well, probably when the Pan.-Am. exists only as a memory and things electrical begin to slack up a bit, those same fellows who are "freezing out" the floater now may wish to "seek green fields and pastures new" and will they be met with brass bands, flowers, etc.? Well, I don't think. St. Louis will have a big show, too, and from the tone of a letter I received from a brother there, a few days ago, they intend to remember the prohibitory tactics of a certain local. "Well, I reckon."

I do not wish to abuse the privilege Bro. Develin has bestowed upon me, and I have tried to be conservative in my efforts to creditably acquit my protem. appointment, but in the event that I have said one word derogatory or detrimental to the good and welfare of 45 use your blue pencil, Mr. Editor, as I can assure you I will not bemoan the curtailment. I was told to write a short letter and I think I have spread enough "tabasco" to make a West Point cadet turn green with envy.

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I notice in the January issue that No. 41 claims to control the situation at the Pan-American. Forty-five claims nothing, but is perfectly satisfied with present environments, and in all probability will be "in at the death." I dislike to realize it, but it occurs to me that if you

"Knock," the world knocks with you,
Boost and you boost alone.

For this prosaic earth
Is a foe to mirth,
But has a hammer as large as your own.
Buy, and the gang are with you,
Sponge, and and they stand and sneer;
But the bunch will bound
If you order a "round".
For they couldn't refuse a beer.

PAN-AMERICAN PENCILLETTES.
Wiger has lost his "stripe." Too bad,
"Fader."

McDougal is "it" for a week or two.
The high "contention" is all in.

Jimmie, the coon, was certainly all to
the "mustard."

When the "Burr Head" Charter was
sprung.

"Incandescent" Conley has been en-
gaged to pose on the Electric Tower.

Penny killed two men last week and
would have run his list of victims much
higher if his pipe hadn't gone out.

Contractor MacDonald says little, but he
is no kindergarten lineman.

Turney is still doing his wonderful con-
tortion act. If some enterprising capital-
ist would build a reservoir and put a re-
ceiving tube in the roof of the tool room
during the noon hour he would store
enough "hot air" to comfortably heat
Buffalo for the winter. "Whango!"

"Cricket" Fleming is certainly a fash-
ion plate off duty, and his talk for the
good of the union was enjoyed to the letter.
His speech in brief was, "I move we ad-
journ," which was carried.

The referendum vote in regard to the
negro charter resulted 30 to 2 in favor of
the negative.

The machinery building was illuminated
several evenings ago, and, from an artistic
standpoint, was resplendent in its incan-
descency.

The "midway" will be ready when the
flag falls, and from May 1st till Nov. 1st,
pandemonium will reign supreme.

Two weeks will finish the Electric
Tower, which is without a doubt a marvel
of modern mechanical ingenuity.

The Johnstown flood will be depicted in
all its graphic detail, on the P. A. midway
and, shades of "Anthony Comstock," a
real infant incubator will cater to the curi-
osity seekers on that same cosmopolitan
stage. In conclusion let me add, "if com-
ing events cast their shadows before," in
probability there'll be "somthin' doin" in
Buffalo next summer.

Chicago for wind,
Boston for wit,
Gotham for sin,
And Buffalo for grit.

Fraternally,
HARRY LANGDON,
Press Sec. pro. tem.

Local Union No. 49.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As I have been elected to fill the office
of Press Sec. of our local, I take pleasure
in writing a few words to the Worker. Of
course, I have never before had so
great a responsibility on my hands. I
therefore ask you to forgive all mistakes.
The brothers of Local 49 seemed to be very
much pleased with their newly elected offi-
cers, as they seem to mean business. We
had quite a large number of members at
our last meeting, but not as many as I
would like to have seen, and they seem to
be the same old faces. Now, come brothers,
wake up and be at the next meeting. We
had a committee from No. 9 call on us
and we gave them a warm welcome. Their
business was to find the rights of each local
and to work with each other.

At our last meeting we elected the fol-
lowing officers:

Pres.—William T. Callahan.
V. Pres.—F. B. Mart.
R. Sec.—W. M. Hickey.
F. Sec.—James Byrnes.
Treas.—W. Watson.

The inspectors, I have lost track of them,
but we have them elected.

Please advertise in the Worker for the
following named persons: Jerry Judd,
formerly of Missouri No. 9, last heard of
in Brooklyn, N. Y. Correspond with Sec.
49. John Gray, formerly of Youngstown,

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Ohio. Correspond with Sec. 49 and oblige. Hoping to have a large letter in the Worker in my next, and with the best wishes to the brothers of Local 49, I will close for this time.

Yours fraternally,
JOHN M. DENNEHY,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 54.

Columbus, O., Jan. 4, 1901.
Editor Electrical Worker:

My letter this time will be short, as everything is working so smoothly in this neck of the woods that I haven't a word to the contrary. When you see a column or two in the Worker you may know No. 54 is having trouble of her own.

We are taking in new members every meeting night; have six new applications for our next meeting and are duly elected for the goat, one being foreman for C. U. Tel. Co. and another a foreman of Erner Hopkins Co., inside wiremen, and another an Irish boy who has stood by us, led and advised us in all our strikes and troubles. He was elected an honorary member and will ride the goat Wednesday night. Mc, do you carry insurance? The goat is fat and saucy.

Work is good in Columbus. Every brother is working who wants to work. The sick brothers are Dan Hagerty, down in bed with the grippe for two weeks, but is improving; Bro Fisher is still unable to work, caused by a fall last summer, and Bro. Jim Shea. I wish to rectify my mistake, as I was misinformed as to how he got hurt. He unsnapped his safety belt to come a few steps down the pole and snapped it secure again. Then Jim went to swing under some wires and one wire caught on the spring of the snap, and when he went to reach out he fell back a distance of 20 feet.

Will say the members of Local 54 are attending the meetings better than ever before; the old hall is crowded every meeting night. Success to all unions.

Yours fraternally,
A. T. W., R. S.

Local Union No. 55.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 1, 1901.
Editor Electrical Worker:

As there has been nothing heard from

No. 55 through the columns of the Worker for some months past, I take the duty upon myself, as one of its members, to inform the Brotherhood at large that we are not asleep out here by any means, if our press secretary is silent. We are adding a few more lights to the Brotherhood almost every meeting night. We have just bonded our treasurer, Bro. O. Dean, he of street car fame, not because we are afraid of him decamping with the funds, but it is a duty every union owes to itself.

Since our last letter to the Worker the Edison Light Co. has consumed the old Capital City light plant, and now has full swing, as far as the electric light goes, and if things turn out as reported the overhead wires in the business section of the city will be a thing of the past before many months. The Des Moines Edison will also have one of the finest plants west of the Mississippi.

Our local has had considerable hard luck among its members in the past few months. Bro. Tim Sexton was hurt last summer by a fall and is unable to do any work yet. The next to meet with an accident was Bro. John Pearson, who fell from a 60-foot pole and landed on the brick pavement. His life was despaired of for a few days, but old John is out on crutches and he says it is hard to kill a pole shinner. We hope to see him back in the harness before long (not wishing any bad luck). Bro. Frank Baum met with an accident a week or two ago by falling from a pole, which shook him up considerably, but broke no bones, although he is confined to the house. We expect to see him around in his accustomed place in a few days.

I see through the columns of the Worker that Bro. Leedom, of No. 22, is convalescing from an attack of typhoid. Will say that his friends and brothers of No. 55 are glad to hear of his return to circulation. The writer would like to make another trip to Manawa with him in the near future.

Bro. Reasseau is making a good fight for city electrician, but we do not want to let Bro. Reasseau do all the fighting. Each and every one of us wants to get a set of boxing gloves and go after the politicians in true Fitzsimmons style. We cannot stand for a cigarmaker, bricklayer or a

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plasterer to hold a position which we have been fighting for for the past three years. Our worthy delegates from 55 to the Trades and Labor Assembly "told them a few" the other night that will hold them for awhile.

I guess I will ring off for this time, as my battery is getting weak. Hoping to see something from our press secretary in this issue, I am and remain,

Yours fraternally,
FULLER.

Local Union No. 60.

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 4, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

After reading the January Worker from beginning to end, I feel tempted to cry out, "Alas! that human nature should be so prone to forgetfulness," and in this case it is forgetfulness that hurts, as even a kind word helps to smooth some of the rough edges of our position.

Of the sixty odd letters that appeared in the journal only eight or ten remembered the Texas locals by wishing them success in their fight for decent wages and hours. I sincerely thank them for their kind remembrances, especially those locals that sent aid to our weaker locals in the state; also to Bro. Abernathy, of Local 142, for his kindness in calling the attention of the brothers throughout the country to the fact that we were not fighting for ourselves alone, but in order that we might benefit the Brotherhood at large. Therefore, I think that locals who are at peace with the world should take a little more interest in their brothers and sisters who may not be enjoying that happy condition.

We are still at war with the Southwestern Tel. Co. and will fight it out to a finish if it takes all winter and all summer, too. We are certainly not letting the grass grow under our feet in making the company's position as miserable as possible, as you will see by what follows.

The city council, at its last regular meeting, offered to act as an arbitration committee between the company and the union. The union accepted the proposition but the company refused to arbitrate, so the city council, through the newspapers, publicly condemned the action of the company and holds them responsible

for the continuation of the strike. The council even went further and appointed a committee of aldermen to consult the state's attorney as to its power to deal with the company. The State Federation of Labor, which has just closed its annual session here, also endorsed the fight against the Southwestern, and will use its influence to have the company's telephones discontinued throughout the state.

In this city alone we have managed to reduce the company's subscribers from eighteen hundred at the beginning to less than five hundred at present, and as soon as the new company starts working they won't have any—not if we can help it.

To say the company is worried over the outlook is putting it mildly. They have tried every way possible to break the strike. They have tried to bribe our officers and, failing in this, they have had them arrested on false charges, and even imported paid assassins to shoot them. All this failing, they tried to induce our lady members by fine promises to return to work, but our noble girls, "God bless 'em," proved their merit by turning a deaf ear to these appeals. They would not accept the company's crown of thorns nor would they be swayed by its cross of gold.

Since the strike started last November there has not been one break in our ranks and we will win just as sure as the sun rises and sets. If we don't, it will be because the Southwestern concludes to quit the State of Texas. When the strike first started Vice-Pres. Pettingill, in a bombastic talk, said he would spend a hundred thousand to beat us. He has now spent over a million and we are not beat yet. Why, even some of the company's scabs are worried. Two of them essayed to wander from their own bull-pen to see the town by lamp light, but they don't care to wander any more. Both are now laid up with the grip. Somebody took a notion to inspect the anatomy of one and it will be some time before he will be able to wander again. The other, it seems, got a severe jolt on the head which rendered him unconscious. I have just learned that two more of the scabs got their faces in trouble at the railroad depot; have not been able to learn much about it, but hear that it was a good job.

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On account of the immense falling off in their business and, perhaps, seeing the inevitable, the company is getting rid of its scabs by shipping them back to where they got them, and it is the general belief of all that the company is pretty near ready to throw up the sponge.

On account of delay in receiving material the new company is not yet quite ready for business, but will be very soon. Then once more will we hear the familiar ring, which we have heard but very seldom in the last three months.

We have quite a number of idle men here and are taking care of them as well as possible, and I wish, Mr. Editor, you would call the attention of everybody that we don't want anyone floating in on us.

We are still holding meetings every night excepting Sundays, which in point of attendance and sociability can't be beat. We have some famous singers among us, namely, the prince of contraltos, Bro. Roy Cushman, and the celebrated tenor, Bro. Jim Whalen, formerly of No. 38; and last but not least we have a famous talking machine in Bro. James Broderick. His lamentable ballad, entitled "Who Stabbed the Scab," would bring tears to the eyes of a goat. I cannot close my list of notables without mentioning Bro. Junius Brutus Stooky, who fills the role of Hamlet, the melancholy Dane, to perfection.

Perhaps it would be a good idea if such members as the gentleman from Milwaukee, who advocate the addmittance of "burr-heads" into the union, were to step down this way and study the question a little more closely. His observations of the negro and his characteristics must have been taken at a very long range, probably from a car window or side door. If he wishes to improve the condition of our brothers and has the interest of the Brotherhood at heart, let him advocate the bringing into our Brotherhood of the telephone girls throughout the whole country. From our own experience we cannot say too much in their praise.

The members of No. 60 were very much pleased to see the familiar face of Bro. Jerome Jones, of Atlanta, Ga., in last month's Worker. Bro. Jones holds a warm place in our hearts for the interest he took and good he rendered during his stay with

us. He will always live in our memory, and should he ever come this way again will be sure of a hearty reception.

Bro. Blanton, who was shot by the notorious scab Smith on Thanksgiving day, has so far recovered as to be able to walk about. Bro. Blanton had a very narrow escape and the boys are all glad at his recovery.

You Texas locals want to wake up and give your press secretaries a jolt. The Brotherhood looks for a letter from each of you, so don't be silent. Leave that to the organized scabs.

At our last regular meeting Bro. Ed. Goram resigned the office of Fin. Sec'y. Bro. Goram made a splendid secretary and the local hated to see him give it up. Bro. Thompson was chosen to succeed him. Bro. Thompson is a noted unionist; he even lives on Union street.

Bro. Dan Henry, of the Light Co., after thinking over the single and double pole system of living, concluded the double pole system the more preferable. The primary cause of the transformation was a very estimable young lady of this city, to whom he was married on Jan. 31st in the presence of a large number of brothers and friends. Dan says his secondary reason for the change was that there was too much loss on the single pole system. He will try the multi-pole after awhile.

Now, as this is a light story in a light vein, and I am almost afraid an overload for the poor Worker to carry, I will put out my light and say good night. With best wishes for all,

Yours fraternally, "DUCKS,"
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 61.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 1, 1901.
Editor Electrical Worker:

Bro. Coburn having gone to 'Frisco, No. 61 had to have a new P. S., and I am "it."

Things are going along very well here at present, only two or three of us idle. Floaters don't seem to have much trouble catching on. Well, floaters, if your hearts and cards are all right, we will welcome you. Most of us are up against it, not having had a pay-day for years it seems to some, but in reality it is only about four months. At the same time I have not heard any complaints of wrinkles.

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The inside wiremen of 61 have branched out and started a local of their own, No. 116. The charter arrived last night and they elected officers after 61 had adjourned. We thought it would be better for all concerned to separate, as we had too much business for one night, sometimes going over into the next morning.

The best of feeling prevails among us all. We simply got too big for our clothes. Brothers at large, don't you think it advisable to have separate locals where they can be maintained? Art. 3, Sec. 2, says so, anyway.

We have a weekly paper here now, the Union Labor News, managed by J. C. Iner, who has for some time (in fact, ever since he has been in the city) been active in labor circles here. The paper is the official organ of the Council of Labor and is meeting with deserved success.

I see we have another cable splicers' local, No. 157, and they had a letter in the January Worker, too. Let us hear from some of the other splicers.

Portland, Ore., had a good letter; stay with it, boys. Nos. 36 and 151 both missed writing. Wake up, boys, we like to hear from you.

Bro. Frank Wilmoth is with us. His left arm is broken, but he is able to knock around the Sunset store room.

No. 61 sends regards to Jack Olmstead.

If we write everything this time we won't have anything next, so good-bye.

BAILEY, P. S.

Local Union No. 66.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 1, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As our press secretary was derelict in duty last month I will scribble a few lines for the February number. It would appear from some of the letters in the January issue that the Executive Board have done things that do not meet with the approval of all the members. I wonder if any E. B. of any organization ever did give entire satisfaction. In regard to the extra charges of some of the locals, I wish to say that in my opinion any local has the power to charge its members an extra sum for a Building Trades Council card or any other special card outside of the Brotherhood working card that it may be neces-

sary for said local to furnish its members to enable them to hold a job in the territory covered by that local and neither the E. B. nor the entire Brotherhood has the power or the right to prevent it. It takes money and personal sacrifices to get good conditions, and if a local is obliged to form combinations with other unions outside of the Brotherhood to get these conditions and bear the additional cost of such combinations (in other words Building Trades Councils), the expense of which is usually large, there is no justice, in my opinion, in attempting to force them to allow themselves to be overrun with men who have perhaps never sacrificed anything but a dollar initiation fee and a year's dues at 60 cents a month. I don't mean to say that none of our brothers who wish to go to these places and work have sacrificed anything for the cause; but it is a notorious fact that the people, not only in our organization, but in all others, that sacrifice the least, are the loudest kickers. These extra charges for Building Trades cards are simply business propositions, as Bro. Wheeler said, to enable these locals to maintain the extra good conditions which they have procured for their members.

Sentiment does not buy bread, nor get conditions; and the sooner we get rid of a lot of the mawkish sentiment prevailing with a lot of our members and begin to run our organization on business principles the better it will be for all concerned.

The Building Trades Council, especially the N. B. T. C., is of vital importance to the inside wiremen of our trade, for it is only by the aid of it that we are going to be able to prevent encroachment on our trade by other unions. Several of the metal trades have already attempted to rob our members of a part of our work. Even the carpenters have attempted in several instances to meddle with a part of it, and it behooves every local to promote the interests of the B. T. C. in their respective localities, and if their local B. T. C. is not affiliated with the N. B. T. C., to endeavor to get them to do so. New conditions are continually arising that must be met intelligently if we expect to progress with our organization.

If we expect to make our organization

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what it should be, one of the largest and best in the land, we must not let the cobwebs of old-fogyism obscure our vision, but meet new conditions promptly and intelligently as they arise.

Now, a word about the negroes. It would seem to me that it would be best to meet this question intelligently. The negro is here in the South and working at our trade in quite a number of places, and he is going to continue to work at it, and it looks to me as if it would be better to organize him and have him help to build up our trade than to keep him unorganized and thereby furnish the employers a club to help them beat down our wages. One brother is complaining about the negroes working for very low wages. How can he expect to better the condition of the white workers in that place as long as the negroes remain unorganized and continue to work for such wages? It would seem to me to be the logical course to organize him and get him to help better the conditions of all. Some brother has made the statement that you can not make a union man out of a negro. I must take issue with that brother, for it has been my experience that a negro union man will come off a job quicker and stay longer than a white man, and I have never heard any man that had any experience with negro unions but what said the same. But here sentiment bobs up again and says, "I would not sit in a lodge room with a negro." Well, you will go into a barroom and drink at the same bar with him, mingle with him on the streets, sit beside him in the street cars, stand alongside of him in the stores to buy goods; then why this peculiar distinction? I confess that I would hate to sit in a lodge room with him, but I believe I would rather do it than to have him scabbing on me, as they are now doing in this beautiful Southern city.

A word also regarding the proposed insurance feature. I do not approve of it, for several reasons. One is that it would effectually emasculate our organization. It would spoil the fighting qualities for which the I. B. E. W. is justly noted. But how? I hear some say. In this way: A lot of men in insurance benefit would submit to a great deal more imposition from their employers than they will now, simply for

fear if they have a strike and have a long siege of it, that they may get in bad standing and thereby lose their insurance. And again, suppose we had a strike and some member should take a notion to scab, as they occasionally do, what then would be done with them? I don't believe that we could legally throw them out if they tendered their regular fee. We then would be in a disagreeable situation to say the least. I do not believe in even a sick and death benefit. I object to our constituting ourselves a red-cross society or ambulance corps for capitalism. I believe in using every dollar taken in to help obtain such conditions that we would not need an ambulance attachment to our organization. We have at present, I believe, the fastest growing and fiercest fighting organization in existence, and I believe that the members have received more benefits in the way of bettered conditions than the members of any other organization that has not been organized any longer than we have, and I want to see it remain so. I don't want to see any feature introduced into our brotherhood that would have a tendency to take away its fighting quality, and an insurance feature would do that. In fact, I believe it would destroy the I. B. E. W., for I don't believe we could cancel a man's insurance (once it was accepted) on account of his scabbing; and if we could not we would have a nice order, indeed.

Well, I guess if the editor is good enough to print this letter it will take up room enough for one issue, so I will ring off.

R. R. TRIPP.

Local Union No. 68.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 3, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I notice in the January Worker that quite a few locals are opposed to the examination fee which Chicago and New York locals are demanding. That is the way I expected to see the matter turn out. It is with delight I read of the resolution passed by Local No. 65, Butte, Montana, and I feel certain that in the February Worker we will see quite a number of locals adopting the same. If they do not they certainly are permitting an injustice to all the brothers that wish to go there. I will say that we voted at our last regular

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meeting to adopt the same plan as No. 65, and if I am not mistaken No. 21 will or has adopted the same. I think, brothers of the I. B. E. W., we should all join hands and demand that such action or privilege, as you may call it, be rescinded, as we are an international organization and should be treated alike. We have representatives of the New York and Chicago locals working here. How do you suppose they would have felt if we had demanded an examination fee from them? On the other hand, if we go there we have to dig up the \$25 or \$50 for examination. Is that fair? The more I think of this matter the more I want to see all the locals get together and demand our rights. I hope to see letters in the February Worker from all the locals in regard to this matter, as it is something that must be stopped, as I can plainly see it will cause disaster to the I. B. E. W. I will not write further on this matter because No. 65 has explained it as well as anyone can, and I hope all the brothers of the I. B. E. W. will read their letter in the January issue.

The weather has been uncertain lately and work is not very brisk, but from all accounts all the boys are working. We have been without a business agent for a while, but I am very glad to state our old one has volunteered his services and we are all happy, as he is a hustler and deserves credit for his thorough work the past two weeks. I sincerely hope we can keep Bro. C. B. Thorn in that office, as it is not an easy one to fill, and that he will continue in his good work. I know all the boys of our local will feel grateful to him, and I sincerely trust they will all aid him as much as they possibly can. It is to be regretted that Bro. Warner took out a withdrawal card. We will miss him. He has been faithful in the different offices he has held in No. 68, and we all wish him success.

I neglected in my last letter to give the names of the officers elected and installed for the ensuing term. They are:

Pres.—H. S. Sherman.
Vice-Pres.—A. J. Godaw.
Fin. Sec.—W. S. Earhart.
Rec. Sec.—W. H. Anderson.
Treas.—C. W. Doss.
Foreman—E. G. Doss.

Inspectors—H. Grant Reed, F. F. Miller.

Bus. Agent—C. B. Thorn.

Delegates to B. T. C.—C. B. Thorn, J. F. Fisher, Harry Teele.

Exam. Board.—H. J. Clark, E. G. Doss, W. H. Anderson.

Electrical Instructor—W. S. Earhart.

In conclusion, I want to say with regret that one of our members died last week, Bro. C. T. Dougherty. The electrical field has lost a generous and skilled mechanic. I have known him for some time and he was when able always willing and ready to help a needy brother, but, as will surely happen to all of us some day, he is called into another world. The boys of No. 68 gave him as nice a funeral as anyone could wish for, and as cold as it was we all turned out in a body, also some members of Local No. 121. I am sorry to say he leaves a wife and three small children and in hard circumstances. I wish the I. B. E. W. could assist her. It is a worthy cause and I feel it my duty to ask for aid for her. We have helped him through his sickness and did not see him want for anything. I wish we could have an assessment of five cents on each member in case of death of a brother. It is a cause that is needed and would not break or make anyone individually, and I hope to see such assessment started. I think it is our duty to do all we can in a case like this and I am sure any contributions toward her aid would be gladly and gratefully received. Again, I must say Local No. 68 cannot be praised too highly for the manner in which they looked after our deceased brother. God grant that all who can will come to her assistance and I know they will never regret it.

Best wishes for the Brotherhood. I am,

Fraternally yours,

W. H. ANDERSON,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 69.

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 1, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The first month of a new century has rolled around and it becomes my duty to fulfill the office of P. S. and write something for our journal.

Local 69 is still forging along slowly, but surely becoming stronger, although it has

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not taken in any new members in some time. The old ones are seeing the necessity of paying dues and attending meetings more regularly, to keep our membership intact and our present scale in effect.

Turn out brothers, keep old 69 moving ! Why, our last meeting, Jan. 30, was the hottest in the history of this local, and there was only a few there to enjoy the well-timed speeches of Bros. Courtney, Sever, Flores and Manett. If some of our brothers will only drop in occasionally we will make arrangements with the above named brothers to recite a line or two of their favorite remarks on scabs, constitutions, strikes, etc.

Our president, Bro. White, wielded the sledge and kept good order during the intercourse of the proceeding or your humble servant would not be here to tell the tale. The atmosphere by 9 P. M. had reached a very torrid temperature when Bro. Courtney had the floor "telling it" and giving pointed remarks as to the "constitutional scabs." Alas, the lights went out and Willie was accused of doing the same, while the F. S. quietly crawled under the table and remained there till candles were procurred. Well, brothers, I don't suppose any further details of this meeting would interest the brothers, but I will say that although 69 may seem slow, we are smoking some and are here for now and all the time —City of Dallas, State of Texas.

As to the strike, we are still out. The D. W. T. and T. Co. haven't showed any intentions of coming straight with the I. B., so all I can say, steer clear of Texas till our difficulties are settled.

Now, Bro. Sherman, I read your answer to P. S. of 121, and I presume I was included in it. I am sorry that I infringed on the rights of the E. B. I merely offered as a suggestion, that we devote some space, say of four pages if necessary, to "Craft Problems" in our journal. I am not even criticising the editor or E. B. at all, as I am not capable and entirely too young, but it has been my pet idea since I've been a member of the I. B. to make our journal educational in both our craft and unionism. Neither am I like our brother in Denver. I can always find something in our journal, in fact I read it from "kiver to kiver," and I should like to hear from other locals re-

garding this matter. Merely my pet idea, Mr. Sherman, accept my apology and "gimme the grip."

I will say to close, brothers, let's stop our attacks on our E. B. It will soon be time for another convention, then those that have "axes to grind" bring it there and present it. If the constitution don't suit be there to change it, and instruct your delegates as to the amendments. If the E. B. don't suit the ballot box is the place. As a well known millionaire said, "When unions can't fight capital they fight among themselves." When it comes to that, why I think we'll need to reorganize; so let's cut it out till the time comes for it.

How you "Monk," and rest of the boys in 127, also 140 and Rube 56, hello, write a word or two; 65 is always good, so's Medhurst.

Fraternally yours,
KID GILES.

Local Union No. 70.

Cripple Creek, Colo., Feb. 3, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Having been appointed press sec'y for our local I will endeavor to write you regularly and let you know about No. 70. As you have not heard from us for sometime, I suppose you and some of our traveling brothers thought we had quit business, but we are very much in evidence here, every one who is employed in electrical work in the district being a member of the I. B. E. W. I believe that speaks well for our local.

Everything in the electrical work here is good, both Tel. Co. and Power Co. doing lots of new work, making things good for the brothers. We have as fine a lot of members as you will find anywhere, and anyone who is engaged in our line of work and who is not an I. B. E. W. had better hand in his application, especially if he be within walking or riding distance of our city. He will surely receive the most cordial welcome.

Of course, we had an election and the following brothers were elected, the popular Bro. Ed. Werner being elected to fill the president's chair for a second term:

Vice-Pres.—Tom Jones.

Treas.—J. E. Lovell.

Rec. Sec.—Chas. Kellogg.

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Fin. Sec.—Frank Bureford.

Foreman—E. P. Ross.

Trustees—M. Nash, Wm. Ives and E. P. Steen.

Two of our brothers have left us. One, Bro. Bob Stokes, has quit the "biz" and has bought a farm in Missouri. The other, Bro. Loomis, has returned to his home in Sioux City, Ia. If any brothers run across him treat him right, as he is O. K. and a good fellow.

In glancing over the Worker for January I see that the strike of No. 61 was called off and am glad to learn that they got part of what they struck for. I also wish good luck to the brothers of No. 60, and believe with them that lady members would be a good thing for our locals. I can readily see the point. They surely belong to the ranks. I also read with interest Bro. "Kid" Giles' letters, and I believe his suggestion, that you publish articles pertaining to our work, is a very good one. Let us hear from others about it.

Will close for this time, hoping that my letter may be of some interest to you and some wandering brother who has been to our "camp."

Would like to hear from our Kansas brothers. Yours as a brother,

J. A. MILLER, JR.,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 72.

Waco, Tex., Jan. 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Another month has rolled around and we feel it necessary to send in our herald and let all of the brotherhood know we are still hard at work handling our end of the strike, and feel that we are right up in front. While we had two more of our ranks turn traitors and scab for the benefit of the Southwestern Telephone Co., we are glad these two beings have at last decided to come out and show their colors and let us know where they are at. The two scabs we gave notice of in last month's Worker seem to want to be somewhat worked up over the few facts published of them, and pretend they are very anxious to meet the writer of the article, which of course they can very easily do by approaching the right parties.

Since our last letter the Independent

Telephone Co. of this city have settled their troubles with us, and we are glad to say we have some of our sisters and brothers at work with a telephone company for the State scale. This company has filled its exchange to its full capacity and we are in hopes that they will be able to enlarge their exchange very soon so we can help them gain more of the local business here, which we can very easily do, and we are always ready to help those that are willing to do the right thing by us.

We are waiting to hear from the E. B. in session in St. Louis and hope to see a great deal of benefit come from that source.

We have elected delegates for the meeting of the Texas Federation of Labor to meet in San Antonio on the 14th inst., and hope to see the other locals of the Brotherhood in the State well represented there.

My candle has burnt low, so will blow out, wishing the entire Brotherhood a happy and prosperous new year.

SAVAGE.

(The names of scabs submitted by Bro. Savage are omitted, as his letter did not have the president's signature and seal of the local, as required in instructions published some time ago.)

Local Union No. 73.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 1, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

One more January is past and all is well. I was very sorry to be so negligent as not to take time to write a letter for the last Worker.

We gave our friends a very nice time at a smoker in December, having with us some very good speakers, story tellers, a nice lunch, with plenty of pipes and tobacco, songs and a jolly good time. They didn't do a thing to that great big pile of "weiners" and beer. We were congratulated on the way we did business by several members of different labor orders.

I am very sorry to state that Bro. Bob. Curry fell from a fifty-foot pole after only working a day and a half. We thought the accident very serious for some time, but he is now out of the hospital and doing nicely. I believe he is a popular member of Local 68.

We are about to have a very large in-

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crease in the near future. The telephone girls want to be admitted to our local.

Bro. Davis has been away for the holidays, having a time with old friends in Tacoma and Seattle, returning Jan 3. He says the boys treat him nicely.

The Telephone Co. gave their employes a banquet a short time ago, sort of a Christmas dinner, which they enjoyed, saying there was a lack of nothing.

The Washington Water Power Co. gave each employe a turkey, amounting to \$2.80, for a Christmas present, which we thank them very kindly for.

We had election of officers last meeting night with the following result:

Pres.—Ely Hensley.

Vice-Pres.—Bro. Cole.

Rec. Sec.—Bob McClinchy.

Fin. Sec.—W. A. Davis.

Treas.—J. Brownell.

Inspectors—Bros. Silton and Palmer.

Foreman—Bro. Ralph.

Trustee—Bro. Eberlin, 18 months.

There was a big contest for each office except president. The boys are getting the way they should be, not saying as soon as their names are mentioned for office "I decline.

The members all have a kick coming and a big one. "Why is it we don't get our Workers?"

The Telephone Co. is doing considerable construction, as well as the light. We have some very heavy work in the near future.

There is a member absent from our midst that we miss very much, for he was a true friend to all and showed no partiality, having a good word for the member not present. The only game cutter in the gang, our poor president, is getting old and smooth on the top of his head, but I tell you he is the handle of Local No. 73.

Well, I must close for this time.

Yours, E. A. R.

Local Union No. 75.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 3, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I wish to state in a few lines the standing of our town. At present the work is poor, very poor; but it may brighten in the spring.

Local 75 has adopted a new song by the

name of "No Coons Allowed," for two reasons. First, because we have decided that it would be impossible to work with a colored man peaceably and with an easy mind, and therefore we have decided not to work with them at all. Second, if we did allow a colored man to come into our union we would not feel so disposed to do good turns for him as we would for a white man, and we could not expect them to stick to our union in case of trouble when we did not use them "white."

The local had election with the following result:

Pres.—J. D. Hicks.

Vice-Pres.—Hatch.

Fin. Sec.—Post.

Rec. Sec.—Markell.

Insp.—Morgan.

Foreman—Nickles.

Treas.—Joe Newman.

Local Union No. 77.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Local No. 77 has entered upon the new century with an active, energetic, capable set of officers and one hundred stanch, loyal electrical workers to back them in all their efforts. Nearly every man is employed and all employing companies respecting, if not recognizing, the Brotherhood. With these conditions with us we are contented, and with all our heart wish other locals a happy and prosperous new year.

I have been asked by several members to give you, for the benefit of our absent members and others interested, a review of the events which led up to and settled the strike against the Sunset Tel. Co. of this city. The linemen of the Telephone Co. were getting \$2.50 a day for ten hours' work; linemen working for other companies in the city were getting \$3 for nine hours. This was prior to Nov. 10th. At this time nearly all men working for other companies were union men, while at the Telephone Co. only four were union men. These men, union and non-union, got together and drafted a demand on the Tel. Co. for, principally, \$3 for eight hours. This demand was refused and at noon, Nov. 10th, thirty-three out of thirty-five linemen and inside men walked out. A

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few days after this the company offered the men \$2.75 for nine hours, and would take them back individually. This kind of a proposition was promptly tabled.

As I have said before, all but a few of these men were non-union. They requested us to take them into our union, but with a prolonged fight before them the matter of initiation fee was our next obstruction. We appointed a committee, who, with the aid of the strikers, got up a very successful ball, and the money so raised answered the purpose, not only of paying initiation fees, but of buying meal tickets, paying room rent, paying fines and bailing out criminals (?) who were arrested for licking scabs. In due time these men were all brought into the union, and it then became a union affair.

Meantime the Tel. Co. was importing scabs, the foreman coming from Los Angeles—a union man there, but expelled now. The unions of Portland, Tacoma and Spokane did what they could, but scabs came from all these places. Everett, Blaine, Whatcome and others, all unorganized, sent their quota, and the Tel. Co., with their "slaves and scum of humanity," protected by deputy sheriffs, were able, in a way, to keep up their work and appearances.

After these men, the strikers, or most of them, were brought in, we sent a committee to wait on the Tel. Co. to see what terms peace could be had for. The committee met the local manager and his body guard, a deputy sheriff, but were informed that he had orders not to meet a committee of the union, but admitted that if the committee was composed of his old employees he would treat with them. We were not particular as to the personnel of the committee, and his wishes in this regard were acceded to. The company agreed to take the men back "as a body" with the exception of those who were convicted of assault and battery, at \$2.75 for nine hours and time and a half for overtime and holiday work. There were no convicted men affected in this affair. We considered it and the men went back to work after five weeks' idleness. We gained cents a day and one hour, besides greatly strengthening our union.

Other coast locals have criticised our ac-

tion in accepting these terms, and we beg you to publish, in connection herewith, the following letter from the central labor body to which we are affiliated.

Bro. W. W. McCurdy, of Local No. 23, with us, and wants to know what is the matter with the P. S. of No. 23. Fix his transmitter, boys.

Ex-Pres. Bro. Eaton left for a few weeks to install a thousand-lighter at Skagway. This is an electrical man's heaven—only six hours daylight in winter. Bro. Eaton's remarks to remain unpublished.

There are several towns in Washington where good material exists for locals, and we hope soon to see a grand officer here to organize some of these places.

At our last meeting we "cut in" five new lights in our circuit, and with the present prospects we hope to have to fuse up heavier.

COOLEY, P. S.

Local Union No. 84.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 30, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It has been two months since I have had anything in the Worker, though I wish to say that 84 is not dead but still doing business at the same old place with a very good attendance. There are no men out of work here now, but work is not running over. I think that there will be a new light plant commenced in a short time, though can't say if union men will have much of a pull, as the controlling interest in this new plant consists of men who work most all coons and don't seem to take to white men much. You can bet that 84 will trip them even if she loses.

The Rapid Transit St. Ry. Co. is doing a lot of fine work in Atlanta with a union foreman, one that you can bank on at all times, Bro. Pope from New Orleans. Hello, No. 4, if all you men are like the one you sent up here, I would like to shake hands with you all.

To the brother of 83, I wish to say that I don't reply to his remarks with the intent to hurl any slur at him or any other man that thinks as he does, but I don't think that he is well versed on the negro question in the South. He remarks that the majority of the inhabitants of the South is composed of negroes. He cannot have seen much of the South, or, if he did, he

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must have come in contact with several negro camp meetings to have imagined that the majority of the people South is black. Suffice it to say that there are enough white people left in the South so that the combined efforts of any other country where there are no negroes, with the negroes of the South thrown in, cannot force the negroes on an equality with the whites, and the sooner the people not in the South get this out of their minds the sooner they will be rid of a load of useless burdens.

Now, in a brief way I want to say that the white people in the South do not want to crush the negro nor do we want to drive him back to slavery, but we will not demoralize ourselves and families by trying to cultivate and equalize an inferior class that has not the necessary refined qualities in his animal nature. Now, we hope this will not be taken in an adverse light because we do not intend it that way. Every man is entitled to his own way of thinking and no conservative man will find fault with another man's ideas. Good luck to you, my brother.

The following officers were elected for the new term:

Pres.—W. M. Cheshire.

Vice-Pres.—B. L. Martin.

F. S. & R. S.—C. F. K. Briard.

Trustees—W. R. Johnson, G. E. Edwards, S. B. Cochran.

Treas.—A. O. Stanford.

Mr. Editor, I trust you will pardon my long letter, as I have not worried you in some time. With good wishes to all the brothers, I will throw the switch.

Yours truly,
W. R. JOHNSON,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 85.

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It has been some time since you have heard from No. 85 and, I am continually hearing kicks from the members because the news of our locel don't appear more often in the Worker. Here is the list of officers elected at our last election:

Pres.—H. E. Edenfield.

V. Pres.—Sam. Busch.

R. Sec.—Jack. Minor.

F. Sec.—Gage Taylor.

Treas.—C. B. Philps.

Foreman—Josh. Connor.

Inspector—L. P. Connor.

Trustees—Rob. Mills, R. M. Huwn, E. Lewis.

If Bro. J. W. Evans is still living and sees this, I want him to write to his old friend Jack Minor. Bro. Inimo is here with some hot splicers putting in sub-exchange for the Bell people.

Well, what's the matter with Bro. H. E. Lingle; we haven't heard from him.

We haven't changed our meeting place and meet the first and third Sundays of every month at Ridwell Hall, 15th street and May ave.

Bro. Sam Busch has been on the sick list but is all right now.

Work is on the pig here; we are all living and that's all.

Well, brothers, as this is my first offence in writing for the Worker, I think I had better draw the switch and say good bye.

Fraternally yours,
JACK MINOR,
Press Sec. pro. tem.

Local Union No. 88.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 30, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Greetings to all. The Worker last month was newsy and a credit to the editor. His remarks on page 4 are timely and should be read and considered by all. The E. B. should be upheld and not roasted. Remember at all times they are in the midst of the fight. If we have a kick, and I see that there are a few, we should put the matter clearly before them and I feel safe in saying that if this is done our E. B. will give it their earliest and undivided attention and in the end will see that justice is done. Am sorry that insurance has been defeated until convention. Brothers, this is what we need. An insurance feature will build up the order in more ways than one. It will elevate our standing amongst the other crafts. It will make better men of many of us. It will cause us to stop many little leaks in our expense account, with a beneficial policy handed over to the wife, mother or other loved ones. It will prove to the world at large that our main object is to help and assist. Where, then,

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is the wife, mother, sweetheart or friend who will not use efforts and influence to see that the brother pays his dues, attends his meetings and lives up to the rules of his union? Wouldn't they? "Why shouldn't they?" I ask. Is it not home protection? How much better it will be then than it is now, for, with the coffin trust, the undertaker gets all. The widow, orphans, mother, or other dependent loved ones have only a sorrowing memory of him who has gone before and are left to fight the battles of life with only hard labor staring them in the face and in the end to the cruel mercies and charities of a cold, selfish world. Let us resolve that we shall better our conditions. Look at the B. L. E. or the B. L. F., who, like ourselves, the old line insurance will have nothing to do with. Look up their rates and see how cheap each of us could carry a \$1,000 or \$2,000 policy. Say, for instance, let us make it a \$5 entrance fee. With our 8,000 members it would give us a fund to start of \$40,000. Look this up, brothers; get all the data and proofs that you can and send your delegates to the convention with instructions to work for a good, first-class protective fund.

To Bro. Mack, of 83, we uns of the South honor you or any man or any party who have the manhood to stand up and express their sentiments, especially when they are in aid of their fellow man. Your article is clear and does you credit. But we say to you, Bro. Mack, or any others, come, bring your families and all your interests and then be compelled to take your chances along with us; stay just for one year, and I'll guarantee your sentiments would not then be the same. Bro. Mack, your friends in the South cannot see as you do. However, your southern friends will bow to the will of the majority if against us, I hope.

Bro. Kripps has gone to Charleston and will try to revive 92. He carries with him the best wishes of 88 and a green ticket. Bro. Butler is in Macon, Ga., and will try to place a local there. He also has the green in sight. Bro. Lingle, it is hoped, will assume charge of Georgia Construction and will try to place our Brotherhood in its right light. Charlie Hall is with him. Stafford is still here. Henry Hall

migrated to Florida and landed with So. Bell. Owens and his up-to-date gang will be with you soon, Henry, and then Jacksonville will be all right. No 7, we have captured your man, Bob Clair, and he is all right but shy of his green; says he likes the climate and will stay with us awhile.

We made quite an addition on our last test. City Electrician Dick Claiborne tested our circuit and, although he found it pretty high voltage, he gave us a clear card and a nice talk and says he will assist us to clear our circuit of grounds. Now for a few more, and I'll watch the dues, our treasurer, Jones, will watch me and all hands watch him. But don't forget the insurance. With a good insurance feature our order will double itself, because then none can refuse to join.

E. J. McDONNELL, F. S.

Local Union No. 91.

Easton, Pa., Feb. 10, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

In these days of rush and hustle (gunning for work) the scribe of this local came very near missing track of time in his flight, and having due respect for the "coals of fire" which the brothers usually heap on the heads of their negligent P. S.'s, it behooves me to be up and doing. A great many of our brothers are wanderers on the face of the earth at the present time and it takes a man with a greater capacity than I possess for unraveling mysteries to keep track of all of them. Bro. Ben Housel, where are you? Let the boys know what has become of you. Bro. I've disappeared as though the earth had opened up and swallowed him. To you also, where are you sojourning?

Some of our brothers with great foresight laid by a portion of their easily-earned money during the balmy days of last summer, in consequence whereof they are now disporting themselves in various easy and comfortable attitudes, first about the kitchen stove, and then, by way of change, around the ever-interesting dining table. Now it seems to me that some of these fortunate brothers should come to the rescue of some of us who neglected to go and do likewise, for are we not sorry, and do we not repent? Here's a chance for some philanthropic brothers to do a good deed.

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and become famous or be adjudged insane, I can't tell which.

We are having rattling old meetings and you brothers from up the valley are missing more fun than a circus and a dog fight all rolled into one. We have had considerable "dragging out" to do and are not yet done, so come along, all of you, and share in the honor and glory and a few other things that always attend the settlement of perplexing questions.

Yours very truly,
C. KEMMERER,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 97.

Bradford, Pa., Feb. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I wonder if No. 97 has been missed by anybody during the last three months. Well, there is one thing I want to say, the secretary and the treasurer have been at the hall at every regular meeting night and I have been with them, for wherever the treasurer goes, I go. I stick closer to him than a brother-in-law; once in a while another brother would come in and then we would wait in high hopes that two more would come in and make five so we could hold a meeting. One night the secretary and I were sitting out the time we held a meeting and voted to pay all the bills to the limit of the funds in our treasury, and we voted and paid all outstanding bills. Nobody so far has dissented, but how to make the members mad enough to show up is a question, but as the boys won't attend the meetings and won't pay their dues it looks to us two as if in a very few days No. 97 will be defunct. Now, if any of the brothers that belong to Local 97 should happen to read this letter and don't want to see the local get lost in this cold weather, if they will but forward their dues we may catch our breath and hang on till warmer weather, but as it is now we are paying rent for a hall and not using it. Do the members of this order have no pride?

It is time now to do or die, for there is but one more meeting this month and hall rent due again and the treasury next to empty. Boys, brace yourselves. If you belong to a local, support it. If you don't care to belong to it, settle up like a man, and take a card.

Friendship's ties are sometimes broken,
Though regarded, just the same;
Pleasant memories are awakened
In the reading of a name.
Though a life be cold and stormy,
And a heart be full of pain;
Yet what pleasure one may gather
In the reading of a name.
In the glimpses of the future,
Should we never meet again;
May some hope or thought be brightened,
In the reading of my name.

N. G. NEAR.

Local Union No. 103.

Boston, Jan. 22, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Find enclosed communication endorsed "Yes." Shall negroes be allowed in the Brotherhood? We deem this so vital a question that we ask of the executive board to insert in the Worker Section 6, Art. 12, of the Constitution of the A. F. of L., and also that part of President Gompers' report in the Louisville, Ky., Convention, held Dec. 6, 1900, "Organization of Negro Labor." In asking this we feel that it will then be brought forth in the proper light for the members to consider. In the great New Bedford strike of the textile workers, where thousands of men and women were out, it was demonstrated that the manufacturers had large interests centered in the southern parts of the country where cheap labor existed, this forming the chief factor for the reduction of wages in the northern part of the country; they claiming at that time that they could not compete with the South in the manufacturing line if they continued to pay the same rate of wages as previous to the strike. These conditions help to bear out the exhortation of President Gompers, in his report of a year ago: "Gentlemen, I say unto you, organize the South." In this remark the laboring men of Boston should be strong in its advocacy.

The great iron, steel, locomotive and gun industries, which were employing in the vicinity of 15,000 men, were induced to leave Boston and go South for no other cause than cheaper labor existed in that part of the country. Taking in all the concentration of capital, it makes no difference where the seat of manufacturing

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may be when men are organized and working under the jurisdiction of national or international bodies. So in our case with the negro of the South; we should extend a hearty welcome to him when he inclines to join the ranks, and those among them who are disinterested in joining of labor organizations. We should second to a man Pres. Gompers' noble words, and use our best endeavors to have them see the benefits in the union of labor. And why? Because we know that capitalists will ignore organized labor, and if fought hard by determined men seeking their rights, will remove their places of business to other fields where cheap and unorganized labor exists.

By extending our hand to our colored brother we help to break that discrimination of the capitalists, which now exists against organized labor, and in order to accomplish this all race prejudice feeling should be cast aside. In so doing we can show that the true trade union of labor exists within the bounds of the United States.

W. J. JOYCE.

Local Union No. 109.

Rock Island, Ill., Feb. 4, 1901.
Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, as the time for another letter is at hand, I will try and tell what little I know. No. 109 is still on the progressive list, and the boys have woken up and made up their minds to have a grand masquerade ball on the 14th of this month, and if it don't prove a grand success it won't be the fault of the boys around here. The best of it all is it is a "hard times" dance, so the boys can't say they have no suitable clothes to wear, for we will all be in line as far as clothes go. We intend to give an electrical display on the stage just for a side issue, and I think we will have a royal good time.

Well, we have lost track of some of the boys of 109 and would like to hear from them and find out what is wrong that they don't send their addresses so we can send them their Workers. I know some have taken cards out of our local, but that is no reason they should not let us hear from them, as we are all brothers, just the same.

I give a list of the lost brothers and hope they will all respond and let us know their whereabouts:

H. B. Wallace, P. I. Duyer,
J. C. Prather, Dick Elward,
W. J. Cooley, Harry Halley,
W. T. Gates, Eugene Rogers,
D. S. Raymond.

Now, boys, don't forget to let us hear from you. Work is pretty slack here at present, but think it will pick up this spring.

As I have been plowing through the snow to-day, I am tired, and think I will ring off for this time. Will let you know about our dance in the next Worker. Wishing all the brothers a prosperous year, and a shorter day's work for the ones that haven't got it, I am,

Fraternally yours,

ED LOVE,
Press Sec.



Out latest acquisition, L. U. No. 111, organized January 7 at Honolulu, Hawaii.

Local Union No. 114.

Toronto, Can., Feb. 8, 1901.
Editor Electrical Worker:

Hello, boys! We are not dead yet, only a little frost-bitten, but we expect to thaw, shortly.

This is my first experience as P. S., and am sorry to make such a bad beginning, and as the boys have picked upon me to do the work, and it is my duty to do all I can for the union, I must obey. At our next meeting we expect to welcome our Grand President, and am sure the boys will make a good showing.

Hoping the editor will pardon me for sending such a short letter this time, I am,

Fraternally yours,
GEO. C. PECKHAM,
Press Sec.

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Local Union No. 117.

Temple, Tex., Feb. 3, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

No. 117 is still fighting along with the rest of the Texas locals for a fair day's work and a living wage.

No. 115, make your P. S. give us a line once in a while. I am an ex-member of said local and would like to know how she is progressing. Suppose every local in Texas make an effort to have a letter, be it ever so short, in the Worker every month so that we may all know "where we are at."

The strike against the Southwestern Telephone Co. is still on here, and all men in that line are requested to steer clear of this part of the country.

No. 117 votes a card of sincerest thanks to the I. B. E. W. for the financial aid voted them; also for the sympathy expressed by the P. secretaries in their letters to the Worker.

With best wishes to the I. B. E. W.,
I remain, fraternally,

ALLEN, E. H. R. S.

Local Union No. 118.

Dayton, O., Jan. 30, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

This local finds B. C. Graves, guilty of larceny and contempt, and think that this should be published in the Electrical Worker, so that the other locals will be on the lookout for the man, as we are informed that he is working in one of the St. Louis power houses, and will probably try to get into the local at that place. He has been found guilty of robbing Fred Bierce of this city of \$70, while the said Fred Bierce was unconscious, and a sum of money from his boarding house, \$12.50 from this local and some books from myself. He left town at once and has not been seen since. We do not think that a man like this should be allowed to run loose and hope that no other locals will be disgraced by him.

Yours respectfully,
OTTO RODGERS,
R. Sec.

Local Union No. 119.

New Bedford, Mass., Feb. 3, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It is with pleasure that I write a few

lines for the Worker. Our press secretary is out of town and is unable to write, so I take the liberty of sending a few lines to inform the Brotherhood of the doings of the brothers in the "whaling" town. We have a splendid suite of rooms in the Auto. Tel. Co. Bldg., and hope to have them furnished next week in time to put half a dozen pounders through the mill.

Bro. Colen McLeod is going to Fall River to take charge of the line work for the Automatic Tel. Co., and as he is head push in our local, we all hope that he will make it a union job and give the I. B. E. W. the preference.

Line work will be booming in this part of the country in the spring. A new electric road will be built from New Bedford through the Cape, and the Auto. Tel. Co. will extend their system to Fairhaven.

The following officers were elected at our last meeting:

Pres.—Colen McLeod.

V.-Pres.—William Curtis.

Treas.—William A. Keil.

Fin. Sec.—George White.

Rec. Sec.—Albert Gothere.

Foreman—Sam Allen.

Insp.—Jim Hughes.

Press Sec.—George Dixson.

Trus.—Chas. Durant, Laurence Gothere, Jim Ashley.

We have a red-hot team of officers, and if any of the brothers happen to land down on this part of the earth, just drop in and see us. I now close, as the clock says eleven.

Yours,

WILLIAM A. KEIL,
Treas.

Local Union No. 126.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

No. 126 cut in two shining lights last meeting in the persons of Bros. Reynolds and Woods.

I am sorry to say No. 126 is about to have trouble with the S. W. T. & T. Co. (Bell people) over that despicable scab (a regular sore), C. R. Smith (Red Smith), the principal in the shooting at San Antonio, Texas. The Bell people went on his bond, got him out of jail and though warned, put him to work here in Little Rock. It is claimed that this Smith is an

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ex-convict, is an all-around hoodlum, etc., and outside of his Texas record is altogether an undesirable creature for a human being to associate with. Accordingly No. 126 called out all the union men then with the company, unfortunately all were not unionized, and after some preliminary moves a committee from the Central Trades Council called on Mr. Powell, the resident manager, in an effort to adjust matters. Mr. Powell expressed much surprise at the character, history, etc., of this animal, "Red" Smith, and requested that specific charges be furnished him, intimating that he would have Smith removed if the charges were true.

As I write this is the latest and 126 will push this matter through, and as Little Rock is a red hot union town and moreover as the independent telephone company is unionized from top to bottom we will proceed to show them something if they persist in "crossing us up."

Work is very dull here now, especially all line work, and several of the brothers are open to engagements.

I am sorry to say the Bell trouble has developed two scabs among us.

Yours fraternally,
C. J. DREES,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 130.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I will now send in my second report. Since my last report to you we have had several regular meetings, which are held in our hall on Carondelet and Perdido sts. every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. These meetings are generally well attended by our members, who are all enthusiastic for the general success of the union, and our local in particular. There is a large field to work up in this city, as there are a great majority of the electrical workers not connected with the union, and this is cause for our brothers to go among these men and explain to them the great advantage these locals will give all workers, and remind them of the old and true proverbs, "In union is strength," and "United we stand, divided we fall."

Our local is comparatively young, but but the stock it is composed of are enthu-

siastic and will do their duty as union men and electrify those who have not come into the fold and show them how capital is uniting and consolidating daily for the interest of capital. Why shall not labor also unite for the interest of labor?

Our long-looked-for smoker of Local No. 4 and 130 came off in great style last Saturday. The hall was beautifully decorated with flags, palmettos and moss. Some of our men worked like beavers to make a success of this, our first smoker, among these our worthy president, T. J. Zeigler. Treasurer George Ferris took great pride in having everything A. I. A fine string band enlivened the members and numerous visitors. Patriotic speeches were made by Bros. Kendall, P. D. Markell, of No. 4, and Mr. Chas. Hale, of the Postal Telegraph Co., and others. Of course we had singing and smoking at intervals, and all parted well pleased, at the small hours of Sunday morning.

Wishing success to all locals,

Fraternally yours,
GUS BENNETT,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 134.

Chicago, Feb. 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

A new broom sweeps clean. For several months after this local elected a P. S. something could be found in the Worker each issue from 134, but a couple of months were skipped on account of his absence from the city. Well, he is home again, and finds himself "recharged" for the work.

We can report a decided recovery on the part of our local after the rough handling we received during the past year, on account of labor troubles, and our hopes are revived and strengthened by the personnel of our newly elected officers. The aims of every one of them, we think, are for the maintenance of a live and progressive local. No offense is intended to the old officers. Some were re-elected. Bro. Frank J. Brennan, our business agent, being one of the latter, whose services are invaluable.

Officers for ensuing six months are:

Pres.—Wm. H. Young.

V.-Pres—Frank Staudt.

R. S.—Wm. H. Lakeman.

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F. S.—Cleff.
B. Agt.—F. J. Brennan.
Treas.—Edwin Archer.
Stat.—Thos. Lee.
Serg.-at-Arms—J. Steindorf.
I. G.—O. B. O'Neil, "Rube."
P. S.—F. J. Burch.
Del. F. of L.—C. J. Buckholtz, S. Grimblot.

We enclose herewith a copy of our working rules, which we request to have published.

During the past two months we have added many new names, either by card or new lights. Nearly all members are working and prospects are good for so early in the year. At our last meeting Bros. John Maloney and Bus. Agt. Brennan, who were delegates to the N. B. T. C. Convention at Cincinnati, made a report, which shows they were far from idle while there. The report will be seen elsewhere in this issue of the Worker. From this report it seems that Cincinnati, No. 30, got the worst of it from the local B. T. C. Wake up, brothers; are you going to let gas-fitters do electrical work? Not if the decision of the N. B. T. C. stands for anything, and we think it does.

Seems as if No. 117, Temple, Tex., is blest with many of the fair sex, and these Hello girls are O. K., too, unless there is trouble on the line. They make fine electricians. Telephone electricity is mostly alternating, and I believe there must be much inductive effect, brothers and sisters, judging from the P. S.'s letter. Congratulations.

We are giving a reception and ball at K. of P. drill hall, 199 East Randolph street, on Feb. 16, 1901, and we expect a good time and every member of the I. B. E. W. in Chicago, and all visiting brothers. Just kindly bear this in mind; we need the money. We are,

Fraternally,

F. J. BURCH, P. S.

WORKING RULES.

First—A working day shall consist of eight hours, reckoned between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m., except on Saturday, when all work shall cease at 12, noon.

Second—The rate of wages for all work done except as provided in the foregoing

section of these rules shall be paid at double the rate for single time.

Third—Double time shall also be paid for all work done on the following holidays: New Year's, Washington's Birthday, Decoration Day, the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas days, or days celebrated for the foregoing.

Local Union No. 136.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 3, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As the time has come for me to write another letter, I suppose I had better begin, for it will take me quite a while. No. 136 is progressing nicely, and we are doing business in the same old way, and if the brothers could see the pile of applications we have on hand I believe they would think the same thing. If we have good luck, we will soon have all the electrical workers in this district members of 136. Everything is beginning to look rather gloomy down here. The Home Telephone Co. have about completed their plant here and have begun to use "the golden axe" and everyone is looking to be laid off. Bros. Welch, Winks, Lear and Wolf were laid off on the first of the month. They are going to head north in a few days, and if any of the brothers should come your way we hope you will extend the glad hand to them, for they leave here with good cards. We hate to lose them, but the best of friends have to part. Bro. Danney Birkley left a few days ago for Pittsburg. Be a good boy, Danney, and come back again, for we miss your smiling face in the hall. By the way I want to say right here, that all the brothers that are leaving here are going out of the town with first-class tickets and they have a good front on them, so you see they are none the worse off by coming south.

I believe that I stated in my last letter that there were a few members here that would not deposit their cards with No. 136, so I was ordered by the local to notify all members to deposit their cards. I did as I was told to do. Some of the brothers got awful sore at me. They claimed that it was an insult to them. We, of course, didn't intend to insult them, but they were not living up to the constitution and we thought it was the best way to call their at-

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Local Union No. 137.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 29, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I send you a few lines from 137 to show you and the locals throughout the country that even though they have never heard from us before, we are in the ring this time to stay. We are getting along nicely now, slow but sure, and we hope by next summer to be with the rest of the locals in towns of our size. We have all the linemen that are working in the city with the exception of one or two. We are now working our neighboring towns for members, and I hope in a couple of months that we will have quite a large roll.

This being our first letter to you you will honor us by giving us a small space. We think the insurance plan of Local No. 9 is a good thing, and believe it will be a benefit to all. With best wishes to all I remain,

Respectfully,
P. CONNERS,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 138.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Jan. 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Having been elected press secretary I will endeavor to let you know that 138 is still among the living. The following are the new officers elected:

Pres.—S. W. Bell.
Vice-Pres.—D. Mullen.
Rec. Sec.—M. B. Larimer.
Fin. Sec.—Robt. Bartell.
Treas.—C. O. Lathouse.
Press Sec.—B. C. Hattle.

We regret very much to lose Bro. Joe Baxter, who left the city to accept a position with the Western Telephone Construction Co. at Chicago, but we all wish him every success. Bro. L. E. Ihrig has also left the city, but still remains with 138.

Bro. C. O. Lathouse gave a social session at his home last Sunday evening. Refreshments were served and all the boys report a pleasant evening. Bro. Lathouse put on the apron and did the part of the K. M. We would like to know how Bro. Coligan happened to have his overcoat so muddy in the back.

This being my first, and all I can think of this time, will close and try to do better in my next. Fraternally yours,

B. C. H., P. S.

tention to the fact. One of the so-called brothers wanted to take a punch at my face; he did get red hot, but I think he has cooled off by this time, for he has left this part of the country. Hope he will do well wherever he may go.

I believe we did some good by notifying them, for on the next meeting night we received two cards and five applications, and if we had left them alone they never would have come to the hall. I understand that the balance of the brothers who have cards are going to deposit them at the next meeting night. Come on, boys, and we will have a jolly good time.

Well, as I have been giving the card boys a round, I believe I will say a few words to the members of No. 136. Brothers, we meet every Tuesday night and you all know where the hall is at. Now, I want to ask all the brothers to attend regularly, and when you come up to the hall come prepared to have something to say while you are there. Don't wait until after the meeting and get out on the curbstone to have your say; the hall is the place to do your talking, not the street. If the meeting is not run to suit you why not get up there and say so? The president will allow you the floor, as often as you want it. I am going to have my say, and if anyone don't like it just get up and call me down. I won't get mad at you, for it is to our interest for each and every member to give his views on different subjects. Let us do what we think is best and it won't be long before we will be having the very best of meetings and all will enjoy them. As it is now, there are only a few that have anything to say, and the others sit around until they get sleepy and then go home and say the meeting was no good and they are going to quit going.

Now, brothers, let's all try to build ourselves up in the eyes of the public and be men, so when they pass by one of us they can't say, "that is one of those old drinking linemen." Now, don't think I am jumping on the boys for drinking. Of course, it would be a good thing if one could let the stuff alone, on meeting nights anyway. Best wishes to all the brothers.

Fraternally,
G. W. BROM,
Press Sec.

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Local Union No. 139.

Shreveport, La., Jan. 18, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Local No. 139 did not have a letter in the last Worker, but I hope this will not occur again.

Our election passed off quietly. Bro. A. Uhl was again elected president; E. W. Armstrong, V.-P.; S. R. Elliott, treas.; Frank Lawrence, F. S.; F. Armstrong, R. S. and P. S.; Dick Kirby, 1st inspector, and Bro. Fullalove, 2d inspector; Bro. Wickizer, foreman. Bros. Uhl, Elliot, Lawrence, Holt and Fullalove were elected delegates to the Central Labor Council.

Dec. 28th we initiated Bros. Morizott and Reynolds. The goat was in fine trim and it required great strength and skill for the brothers to ride him, but both were victorious.

Bro. Dick Kirby has been having malaria and has returned to his home at Richardson, Texas. We are sorry to lose him and hope he may return.

Bro. Frank Lawrence wears a glad smile because a little "electrical worker" arrived at his home a short time ago.

Bro. Frank Hickey, of Fort Worth, Tex., is with us and has deposited his card, as has also Bro. J. T. Johnson, of Kansas City.

The telephone operators have not joined us yet. They are talking of it, but I think that if the boys would each urge one operator the results would be greater.

I hope to report more next time.

Fraternally,

FLORENCE ARMSTRONG.

Local Union No. 140.

Lansing, Mich., Feb. 3, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As this is my initial flop into the literary arena, I trust the brothers will not expect too much from my "maiden effort," but will bear with me. Our local has not been represented in these columns for so long a time it seems to me that almost any old thing would be acceptable.

The Mich. Tel. Co suspended operations here Jan. 5th. Of course this necessitated the departure of a considerable number of our brothers, thereby diminishing our active membership. There are still a few of us left, and we manage to keep the ball rolling. Work here is very slack at pres-

ent and no signs of a resumption of construction on the part of the Mich. Tel. Co. until spring. Would not advise anyone to come this way with the expectation of finding employment.

Bro. John McCue (Ould Country) of Local 75, blew in here last week. Several of the members of Local 140 were on hand and helped him to while away a few hours. Have not heard whether he found anything to do or not. At our last meeting it was reported that Bro. Jim Gilbert had "thrown a shoe," and on account of the sidewalk being so slippery he found it impossible to make his appearance. Bro. Dan Morey showed up, but it is said that if he had not been shod extra sharp he would not have materialized.

I want to say a word about some of our members not coming to meetings. Of course I do not refer to any detention from sickness or any reason that is plausible. Some of you absent yourselves on account of your so-called "guineas." I think if this meets their eye they will understand, so don't think it necessary to mention any names. I cannot, however, understand why they can't spare one or two nights each month to attend the meetings, where I am certain they would not only help us to perform our respective duties to our obligation, but would derive far more intellectual benefit from our company than they are now acquiring. Now, boys, "ginger up" and show up once in a while, just to show your good intention. You must remember that there are only a few of us left, and it behooves each of us to do all we can. A full attendance will not only make you feel better, but will encourage the officers. Well, Mr. Editor, I guess I will come down. Fraternally,

"SHORTY," P. S.

Local Union No. 142.

Wheeling, W. Va., Feb. 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I will try and say a few words, but it is going to be hard work, as I don't know what to talk about, things being pretty quiet at present. The National is working a few men and the C. D. & P. is doing a little, but very little, and it is hard to guess what they will do; but I haven't heard anyone say they were losing any sleep over that.

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A good many brothers will be pleased to hear that Bro. Vansise, of Local 56, Erie, who has been very sick here since December 1st is improving and will leave for Erie in two weeks. The boys of 56 will no doubt be glad to hear this.

Our local is improving nicely, and outside of one or two soreheads who hold meetings around town in saloons and recite their fancied wrongs and grievances, instead of coming up to the proper place, we are pretty keen. I suppose all locals have such people, so we will let them go, as we can't afford to waste breath and valuable time on them.

I will say in conclusion that those paving blocks that "Kid" Giles is going to pick up are not the kind a fixer ought to handle, as they are not in Klein's catalogue. Say, Frank O'Connell, write me, as I have some information for you. Well, I have been picking up chestnuts all day, and for fear this may turn into a chestnut I will close. With best wishes to all.

Fraternally yours,
SPLICER.

Local Union No. 144.

Wichita, Kan., Feb. 1, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The grip, discontent, warm, and generally cussed weather, has made itself felt in Local 144. But the cold wave has at last arrived, and with it the invigorating feeling of good fellowship and determination to make our local stem the tide of discontent which has surrounded us. We are still doing business at the old stand, and I trust the sad duty of writing you of our failure will never fall to my lot. Spring is coming, and with it, plenty of work at union prices. Our dear city is rapidly advancing and good men will be greatly in demand. Good men means members of Local 144.

We expect to reap a good harvest, the natural fruits of the seeds of unionism and brotherly love, which we have sown throughout the fall and winter months. The old saying that it is darkest just before dawn might have been written for our local. I am inclined to believe we have seen the darkest days, and I see in the immediate future a glorious dawn.

With steady, hearty workers like our president, Mr. Stimpson, our secretary of

finance, Taylor; our keeper of records, Snith; and with our funds safely in the hands of that man of good repute, our brother and friend, Dr. Evans, we cannot fail. We must not forget our other members who have no officers to encourage them to do their duty, our old stand-bys, known as "just members." These are the bulwark of our strength. Without our Pedigo, "Jumbo," William and Treat, we could not exist.

Oateye is going to be one of our most ardent members. We are to appoint a committee, with "Jumbo" as chairman, to bring him to our meetings or else hang him. As I know Oateye well I am assured of his attendance, as he dreads heat, and heat he would have in plenty were he hung till dead. Others of our members are assisting us in every way possible, and some of our most ardent workers come from our apprentices. Speaking of apprentices, we certainly have as fine a class as possible to secure.

With the best wishes of our local to the brotherhood, I am, yours truly,
H. D. McVAY,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 146.

Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 14, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Being elected press secretary at our last meeting I think it about time to write you: One reason why I did not write before is, No. 146 had its first smoker Friday night, Jan. 11th, and, if I do say so, it was certainly a "corker" in every sense of the word. Without exaggerating, 146 never does anything by halves; it is either whole hog or die. If you don't believe it, I can refer you to the representation we had at our smoker from different locals throughout the State. Talk about "home talent;" we had all kinds, and I assure you it was all good, too—music, singing, recitations; buck and wing dancing by Bro. Mike McMahon. Bro. Chas. Egan recited a parody on the "Tramp," and believe me, it took down the house. We also had cigars, T. D. pipes, tobacco, and every kind of refreshment on the calendar. Our officers elected for the ensuing term are;

Pres.—C. J. Carmody.
V.-Pres.—Henry Demme.

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Rec. Sec.—R. W. Dyer.
Fin. Sec.—Joseph Pelan.
Treas.—Thos. Stafford.
Foreman—Thos. Kelly.
Insp.—P. Hayes, Martin Hubbard.
Trustee to fill unexpired term—John Rooney.

Fraternally yours, E. B. M.,
Press Sec.

Bridgeport, Feb. 2, 1901.
Editor Electrical Worker:

I am very sorry my last month's letter did not reach you in time for your January issue. The boys did not like it one bit. It seems that is the very first thing they look for as soon as the Worker arrives. I did want to get the little I had written in your valuable paper, especially the first month in the year, as that is the time to make a good start.

I am pleased to state for Local 146 that it is certainly holding its own. You must remember we have not been in existence quite five months and we have at the present thirty-one members, all good boys and in good standing. We also elected two candidates at our last meeting.

For the first time since we organized, I am very sorry to state, one of our brothers had the misfortune of losing his mother. A very hard blow to Bro. W. R. Dyer, as he is left alone in Bridgeport without a relative.

Fraternally,
ED. MAHONEY.

Electrical Workers' Union No. 146 displayed their qualities in the line of a banquet on Tuesday evening, Jan. 19, 1901, at Union Veteran Union hall. A large number of local labor men and out of town visitors were present to share in the festivities of the evening.

Mr. J. E. Cope was selected as master of ceremonies and filled the bill to perfection. He opened the occasion with a few well chosen words and in conclusion called upon W. J. Carmody, president of the union, who responded with an able address welcoming the delegates and visitors in behalf of the local organization. The next on the programme was musical selection on graphophone by M. J. Modus. Mr. John Hughes then responded with a song. Joseph Modus then sung a sentimental song

in a pleasing manner. Patrick J. Hayes then entertained all with selections on the fife. Joseph Hotb sung a popular song in an electric manner. John J. O'Neill changed the programme with a review of labor matters in the past year. Frank Cressenger favored all with an instrumental selection. Bro. Egan then recited "Uncle Tom" and on encore sang a comic song. Robert E. Wellington was heard in vocal selections. William Hogan also pleased the merry gathering with several songs. J. Rooney was then called upon and remarked on the principles of the organization. J. R. Kilpatrick sang a pleasing ballad. Bro. Johnson of New Haven was next in order and addressed the body in a creditable manner. W. G. Russell of the Musical union was called in a musical manner and pleased them all. The Lieno brothers at intervals sang several popular selections. At midnight all enjoyed the elaborate menu served.

This popular local proved their qualities as entertainers on this occasion, and although this union is one of the infant locals they can give pointers to older organizations in this line. Every article used contained the union label and was first-class in every respect. The committee who had charge of the event were F. Beriault, M. McMahon, Thomas Keeley. In the wee small hours of morning the merry makers departed for home thanking the electric workers for their hospitalities.

Local Union No. 147.

Anderson, Feb. 3, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As I have been elected Press Sec. of 147, I will endeavor to do the best I can. 147 is dragging along slowly but surely. We manage to add a light to the circuit once in a while, but as work is kind of slack at present its pretty hard to do much. At our last meeting we elected officers as follows:

Pres.—H. B. Cecil.
V. Pres.—J. H. Derwester.
R. Sec.—F. W. Eckhert.
F. Sec.—G. Clone.
Treas.—S. Raper.
Foreman—Ed. Martin.
Insp.—C. McAlester, J. T. Gruffin.
Press Sec.—J. W. Ryan.

Trustees—J. W. Ryan, G. Hyne, Flyming.

We still meet at Cook's hall every second and fourth Friday of each month, and I have noticed in the past few months our meetings have not been attended very well. Brothers, you will please shake yourselves and come to meetings, as the by-laws went into effect the first, and our president has full control of enforcing them, and he will do it, as you all know he is a strong union man, and he says he will put the skivies on on those who will not attend, and that is what 147 needs.

Bro. F. Bryan fell from a pole a month ago and has been laid up, but is with us again though not feeling very good. Bro. Bryan, we are all pleased to see your face again, old boy.

There is going to be lots of work in this section of the country this coming summer, as the Union Traction Company of Indiana intends to light up all the small towns along its route and build some more roads, and I think a floater can hit something in a month or so, providing he has got a paid up card. Say, cullies, don't come this way if you have not got one, for we intend to put the fixers on them all in a short time.

Bro. Harris, our foreman, you have got to sight him, is from Missouri and is made of the right kind of stuff. You are all right, Bro. Harris.

I sincerely hope that this letter will meet with the approval of the members of 147, especially some who took such active part in my behalf. Will try to do better as I grow at this business.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. R.,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 150.

Bay City, Mich., Feb. 2, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Having been elected and installed last Tuesday evening as the first press secretary of this union, will endeavor to fill the office to the best of my ability, and will try to enlighten the brothers in regard to the workings of our local. We all stand firm and ready to help solve the great labor question of to-day and assist our other brothers in the advancement of our trade.

We have 35 members on our roll call, consisting of linemen, lamp-trimmers, cable-splicers, switchboard men and inside wiremen. Following you will find the officers, most of whom were unanimously re-elected this year, filling the same positions as when we were organized last September:

Pres.—Chas. Crampton,
Vice-Pres.—Harry Beattie.
Rec. Sec.—W. D. Parker.
Fin. Sec.—Marshall Ferguson.
Press Sec.—D. Remey.
Treas.—Geo. Affleck.
Foreman—Dell Perkins.

Insp.—James Hodgins, M. C. Eames.
Delegates to T. C.—Chas. Crampton, H. Kinney, M. Ferguson, D. Perkins, H. Fitch, C. McDonald.

At the date of writing, one of our members, Geo. Onderdunk, lies at death's door, he having caught the grippie about two weeks ago. The union has employed a man to nurse him during his sickness.

I remain,

Yours truly, O. D. REMEY,
P. S.

Local Union No. 152.

Fort Scott, Kan., Jan. 13, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I will cut in on the line once more and let the outside world know how 152 is getting along. We are having a hard time to get a meeting, as all our members are out of town on "trouble." We had a big sleet storm the 8th and 9th and the 'Phone companies have all the liners out fixing, and we have several traveling members. We expect to hold a meeting in a few days and elect new officers; will let you know in next letter. Well, I can't think of any other news, so will open the circuit and say good-bye.

JAS. RUNKLE,

P. S. pro tem.

Local Union No. 156.

Fort Worth, Jan. 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Local No. 156 having seen fit, in an unguarded moment, to elect me to the office of P. S., I will try and give you a few items from this point, but hope the brothers will pardon my short-comings as this is my first offense.

The great Texas strike is still in full blast and we feel confident of final success.

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The inside wire-men have won their their fight all over the state except this point, were we still have a hard struggle with the contractors, Light Company and Southwestern Telephone Co.

We expect our grand officers to come to Texas soon and give us a lift. All brothers are asked to give the Lone Star State a wide berth for the present; there will be plenty of work in the state when the trouble is settled. There is absolutely no construction going on here and bosses are at a complete standstill.

Hope to chronicle a complete victory in my next. With best wishes for success of the I. B. of E. W., will close.

J. R. HANCOCK,

Press Sec.

(A list of scabs was appended to Bro. Hancock's letter but are omitted, as he neglected to get the president's signature and the seal of the Local.)

Additional Locals

Owing to the change in the form of the Electrical Worker, some of the reports from our press secretaries are out of place and a number of reports have been cut a trifle. We trust no one will take offense when he is the sufferer, for it seemed better to get in part of a report than to leave it out entirely.

As the number of letters grows with each issue, it becomes more and more necessary to have copy in early. There are twenty letters left out this month because they did not reach Rochester in time. Hereafter there will be no matter used that reaches this office later than the morning of the 10th. This means just what it says, no letters later than the 10th! Write early! Get in the news of previous month, but do not try to record happenings up to 9th.

Local Union No. 3.

New York, Feb. 9, 1901.
Editor Electrical Worker:

Things are going fairly well here in New York, and yours truly, No. 3, is beginning to look like an organization to be proud of, and in the writer's mind too much praise cannot be wasted upon those who have engineered old No. 3 in her warfare against her enemies, and above all, that

human mass of wreckage that constitutes and makes No. 12 travel along under such false calling and such false colors as a Union. I'm glad, indeed, to see harmony restored again and peace reigning between the employer and the employee, and good will shown on both sides. It does, to a certainty, take away the repulsiveness and ill grace that has existed too long.

Another thing that has come to my notice during a little trip around the town, looking for a contractor who might want to hire a press secretary to run an iron pipe on porcelain buttons or cleats or something in the wireman's line of calling. I ran across one or two old-time friends that have, in days gone by, been glad to smoke this press secretary's "Honest" when they were not on good terms with the product of the United States mint. One I found was up on the top of the bosses' list, such as I spoke of once before. When I met him I meekly held out my gloved hand, he couldn't see it, however, and when I asked him in subdued tones if he couldn't give yours truly a job, he said come in the first of March, he was going to wire Central Park, or something else; I didn't know what he did say. That's what you get for feeding an ungrateful on a body's good "Honest." Well, it is remarkable how proud the average human being becomes when he gets the bosses' good grace into his hands and how quick he can forget those he was once glad to associate with, and yet I've got to call him "brother." I suppose he is a "brother," but he ain't no personal brother; he must be a general brother.

I saw Grand President Wheeler while he was in New York, and was introduced by Business Agent Kelly. He said he was glad to meet us press secretaries, and yet I was so dry, and never a pass word did he mention, so we did not smile.

We again had a delegation from No. 52 of Newark, present at our meeting last Thursday, Feb. 7th, and was sorry to learn that the difficulties existing had not been cleared up satisfactorily to both locals. As I see we had the best men, I might say, selected from our ranks to go on the committee to handle the case, and when it is still unsettled it does look as though 52 was too much on the aggressive. It is really too

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bad, as we should not be at war among ourselves, as it were. We will have trouble enough with outsiders instead of getting up in arms against each other.

Some good organization work has been successfully undertaken by business agent, Edward Kelly, as to the way the Department of Public Lighting and Supplies has been in the past, and at the present time passing inferior work done by the cheap rat traps man whose employers as experts get at wages \$6 or \$7 per week. One of these employers is a man who does the city work or a portion of it. He has his office in the basement of the City Hall and hires any old body, and Bro. Kelly has shown Mayor Van Wyck the falacy of such work being done by the city. A man of his caliber should be promptly dropped from the payroll of the city and a competent man put there, as a union job is a good job and is always the cheapest in the final wind up.

We had one of our men on the list of inspectors for the city; a good, true, honest fighter for good work, and the kind of work that does not burn down buildings and cause such fearful loss of property and human life, and for no other cause that the writer can see was promptly turned down because he was honest and condemned work that was a disgrace to the city. If we could only get the kind of politician who has some little honesty in his make-up, some official who would appreciate a man such as Charles Hoadley, is a question I would like some one on the inside track of these workings of political men to answer, and see if or not our business agents cannot bring these facts before the Law Committee of the Central Federal Union and get action taken at once. We are the people who elect these men, and if we cannot get what is to the interest of organized labor we can, shall and will know enough how to voté and who to vote for, and that is a remedy that never fails. Will we have to use the remedy?

Another thing that I noticed, that came up some time ago at the regular meeting of the Executive Board, a young man came before the board with a letter from the best man probably that a good union man could work for, namely, Joseph Barre & Co. The letter stated that the young man had

worked for the firm for a period of two years and requested a helper's card. Then came along a young man, one of our members who had been in the employ of the same firm for some time and was discharged for insolence to his employer, and for accepting a full week's pay and going off at twelve on Saturday when he should have worked the day out in order to have earned the full amount of his pay, but he knowing he was discharged kept the money and went home. Then this same young man attempted to show that this helper was not in the business the required time, and I think it was very poor business for him to decry the good word of his employers, even though he was discharged. I was glad the organization accepted the letter from Mr. Barre and the boy as helper. Honesty is the best policeman every time, brothers.

Well, Mr. Editor and brother, I shall conclude my letter for this time and hope we may have prosperity to burn for us all from this time on.

Fraternally yours,
FRED S. ROBERTS,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 4.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 6, 1901.
Editor Electrical Worker:

As usual, No. 4 was behind time with their election of officers, but we get there just the same, and from all appearances will do a fine business for the next three months with the following:

Pres.—M. Hoy.
V.-Pres.—P. D. Markel.
Fin. Sec.—P. Lamphrie.
Rec. Sec.—R. Bensen.
Treas.—F. H. Roberts.
Press Sec.—O. M. Clark.
Insp.—H. Smith, W. L. Norton.
Foreman—T. Aspenwall.
Trus.—L. Voltz, T. Aspenwall, H. Smith.
Del. to Con.—F. Roberts, P. D. Markel,
J. Roach.

Now, as you all see, there are some of the same men re-elected; not because there are no others, but the vote of the local puts the best men where they can do the most good. We are all working hard just now to get on top, and ask \$3 and eight hours' work.

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Bro. C. C. Jolls, of Bolzia, Miss., came to the city with a cut hand. We welcomed Bro. A. Gibbons back among us again. The smoker was a great success, complimented by the local press in the highest manner, and was a big victory for labor.

The following is a detailed description of what we have been promising for a long time: The hall was beautifully decorated with moss palms and flags of all nations, thanks to the record of the committee of arrangements. At 8 o'clock Bro. Zeigler called the boys together and briefly told them that we were there to have a good time, which few remarks made the three hundred guests feel at home. He tried to get some one to act as master of ceremonies, but as the brothers all thought that the honor fell to him, as Bro. Mike Hoy, president of the oldest of the two sisterly locals, had to be absent on account of work, we made him keep the job.

Pipes and tobacco were passed. The band played that sweet tune, "Stars and Stripes." Then Bro. George W. Kendal, of 130, delivered a little piece of his mind on "Why you should be a Union man." He was a red-hot speaker and very good. Then we had some of the "Talent." Mr. Louis Mickels sang a comic song, followed by Mr. Lee Cain with "Goo Goo Eyes"—a big hit. [Applause.] Mr. George Queen sang a ballad; Bro. P. D. Markell, V.-P. of No. 4, talked to the smokers on "Why I am a Union man." He was fine, and his views O. K. About this time some one tapped a large keg of beer and that caused five minutes intermission, after which Mr. Corlas Elskamp, the king of the wheel, did some fine tricks in the crowded hall.

Mr. J. W. Pate, of Pate Bros.' Elec. Sup. Co., was introduced and said that he was not a union man, but as soon as he could get in he would. So you see we had a convert right there. The gang went wild with cheers. Harry and Frank Burkheart next sang some songs, followed by John Cooney in some funny jokes that made a hit.

Bro. Louis Voltz of No. 4 next did the "Couchee-Couchee" dance, and he beat all that were in big Chicago during the Fair. This wood-walker is something wonderful; it is a pity he is not "good looking." A call on the "talent" brought Mr.

L. Nuckles, but I was at the bar and did not find out what he was singing. After some Southern music, Mr. Charles M. Hale, of the Postal Tel. Co., was introduced. In a few remarks he told of how the union helped him along to get to where he is at present, although he has no card now.

Everybody had a sandwich and a glass of beer and they backed them off the board. During this time we located Bro. T. H. Roberts, an old member of 37, and made him talk. He did his part to convince the guests that a man ought to have a card if he wants friends in this country. Lee Cain, of the "talent," sang a song.

E. Phillips, a brother of St. Louis, told how they ran things there. After some more beer, Bro. W. H. Rodecester of 130 entertained the boys in a few remarks for the good of the order. About this time someone who thought I had enough beer to talk called for me, but they were mistaken, as I am a young member, and after a few excuses I called on the only honorary member we have here, Bro. Peter Conerton, who made the hair stand up on all of our heads when he pulled out a green card and said that he would rather lose his "old lady" than part with that card. I tell you that it was a fine sight to see that gray-haired old man stand there and tell the boys how he has been a member since 1881, and the good it has done him. The way old Pete talked made W. J. Bryan, the silver man, look small, as he related in his crude way how he would like to meet every one in the room standing together as brothers. Many thanks to this old brother's music.

The press secretary of 130, who had done nothing up to this time, took Bro. Jack Roach's place at the beer barrel and Jack told how he had traveled all over the country and found friends and work with the aid of a card. [Applause.] Little Mitchell, a waiter, then did some buck and wing dancing. Bro. Platt Lamphire, of No. 4, told of how good he was since he was married, and he could always be at meetings if the home-guards didn't come. He's O. K. Bro. Steve Penny of 130 sang "My Old Kentucky Home." Just about this time someone said that the beer would be out soon. That would never do. So Bro. T. G. Ziegler, president of 130, took the

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stand and in his frank manner thanked those that were present for their presence by telling them of a few of the brothers that were not there to help out. He wound up by telling of his idea of bringing this smoker off, and how he was a member of old 4 when it had only four members. He regretted that the city electrician did not come, as he had something to say to him, although he and all the other "home-guards" were tendered invitations a week ago. He closed by offering cigars around to smoke on the way home. After a few little jokes the big smoker broke up as pleasantly as it started, everybody feeling that they had done their duty to help a deserving cause along, with the exception of one, as I had to go to the paper offices by myself the last man in the crowd.

That ends one of the best victories for labor for the new year. It was 2:00 a. m. when the 300 smiling faces left the hall.

Hoping that I have done my duty,
I remain,
"KID" CLARKE.

Local Union No. 21.

Philadelphia, Feb. 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As it is time for another letter and as I have been elected P. S., I will try and enlighten the brothers as to how things are going in Philadelphia. As far as work is concerned, there is nothing doing. There is but very little new work going on in this region, but there will be lots of new work in the spring. There is a job in Camden, but it is on the bink. They are working the men about two and a half or three days per week, and if they are not out of material they find some other excuse to lay the men off. They hire all the men that they can get on a Monday morning and then they lay about half or two-thirds of them off on Wednesday. There are lots of floaters coming through, and they most all catch a few days work in Camden, but they do not stay long. The Camden job is a 9-hour job and \$2.50 per day. It is a good hard graft. The poles range all the way from 50 to 90 feet, and it is a long walk to the top of a 90-foot stick.

Local 21 is coming to the front in grand style. We are adding many new lights to

the fraternal circuit and 21 promises to be one of the banner locals of the country. We have many traveling cards of good old floaters, and you can go broke that we have some warm meetings. Our late P. S., Bro. Wm. Smith, has followed in the wake of our ex-president, Wm. McFadden, and donned the brass buttons and blue coat. In fact he has given up his work and gone on the police force. Bro. Smith was one of our hardest workers during our trouble last summer. He is a staunch union man, and let us all hope that he will make as many friends as a limb of the law as he did as a wire-fixer.

Bros. Frank O'Connell, Kid Rivers, Kid Faril and Frank Cosgrove jumped out a few days ago for the wild and woolly West, and I hope they won't have to travel far before they catch on, for they are four of the finest in the land.

We had our worthy grand president with us a couple of meetings ago, and we gave the gay old man a hearty welcome. We always like to hear Uncle Tom talk; and while he was here one of our brothers asked him if it would be possible to change the grip and signs of the present, or, in other words, if it could be so arranged as to change the grip before next fall at the grand convention. Now, everyone knows that owing to the many strikes we have had in the last year, there are lots of men running around the country who have the old signs and grip, and if you meet a strange lineman you do not know whether he is a scab or not unless he has a paid-up card. Of course every lineman should carry a paid-up card, but there are some good men who, owing to some circumstance, may have let his card get back, while at the same time his intention is good. If you meet a man that is a stranger and he plays you, and you find that his card is in arrears, that man may be all O. K.; and on the other hand maybe he is one of those curs who threw aside his obligation and took our place when we stepped out like men and asked for what was justly ours—a little better wages than we were getting. We must have some way to tell that class of men from the other, and according to my idea it would not be a hard matter if the grand office would only change the grip, if nothing more. It

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would be a great help; and then you would not have to look at a man's card to see if he was behind the times or up-to-date. You would know, if he had the new grip, that he did not scab last summer. Now, boys, I would like to get the sentiments of all the other locals around the country on this subject. Get a hold of this question, brothers, and let's see if we can't get our worthy grand officers to make this change for us. It is a rank shame to have such men as some that are going around the country posing as union men. If a man has scabbed and you don't know him, he is not going to tell you that he did. You ask him if he is a union man and he will say "Yes, but my card is a little back, but I am going to get it fixed up as soon as I get on my feet;" and maybe at the same time he knows that he never can get that card up. Of course if we change the grip it will be hard on some of the boys who have got back in arrears, but it will have a tendency to make them pay up and get right.

Hoping that this will meet the approval of all the brothers, and wishing all locals success, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

J. L. MURPHY, P. S.

Local Union No. 37.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Owing to the special meeting at St. Louis last month, did not return in time to send in the regular contribution. An account of the special meeting will no doubt appear elsewhere in the Worker. The men who quit work on Dec. 15th, at the Hartford Light Co.'s plant are still out, and nothing can be definitely settled on as to how long the trouble will continue. They have been trying to do the work with what talent they have, working from ladders, etc., and lately they have hired some kind of a lineman. From what information I can get he is a poor stick; he has been asked to quit, but he refused. Second Vice-President Sheehan had a talk with Mr. Dunham, President of the Company a couple of weeks ago. Mr. Dunham refused to recognize the fact that there was any trouble, and maintained that the work was going along as well as could be de-

sired. Mr. Dunham would give no information as to whether he desired to settle the trouble in any way, other than when they needed men they would hire the men who quit as quick as any other. None of the men have showed any willingness to return, and will not unless the company comes to some understanding with them, and will grant them concessions more agreeable than cutting down wages. The men insist on the union being recognized before anything is done. While the company claim that the work is going along satisfactorily, the men know that it is not, and efforts on their part to hire men have been unsuccessful.

We have had a severe ice storm in this section. The elements were more favorable to the Electric Light Co., however, than to companies having outside lines. Some of the Light Co.'s circuits were not in working order for three or four nights afterwards. The Postal Tel. Co. suffered some delay, and it was three or four days before the lines were working by temporary repairs alone, it taking two weeks with an extra force to get things in good shape again. About all the men who were out of work were enabled to earn some money, but things are pretty flat just at present, and some of the men have been out of employment nearly two weeks, five weeks in all. There are three or four of the men working out of town who appear to have steady employment. The amount of \$100 allowed the men, \$10 each, which was forwarded from the general office. There will have to be money subscribed at to-night's meeting, which I am sure will nearly exhaust the funds of No. 37, and I am afraid we will have to look for assistance from outside hereafter as long as the men stand by the union and their obligation to the I. B. E. W., and the company refuses to come to some definite understanding with them.

On Sunday, January 13th, a meeting was held at New Haven, of what has been called the New England States' conference. The object is, as I understand it, to better condition of the trade throughout New England. It was my desire to attend the meeting, but unfortunately the ice storm spoken of made it most important that I should be on duty that day. I do

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not know that the I. B. E. W. in general know of this New England conference, but I have been informed by the president of the conference that the I. B. E. W. will know, and that the Executive Board will be made to know that they are not spending money, to be thrown down by the board. I am led to believe that the present Executive Board has more to contend with than any board that existed since the organization of the Brotherhood, and that board was picked from 55 delegates at the convention in Pittsburg in October, 1899, as not only being active members of the organization, but being conscientious thinkers and men responsible to be at the head of the organization. Perhaps the next convention will decide differently, and the present board will probably be made to step down and out. I hope the next board will find their pathway strewn with the roses we looked for. Instead of roses, we stumbled into hammers—all varieties from a tack to a sledge hammer.

Bro. Cornelius Marsh received injuries by falling from a pole which occasioned his death shortly afterwards. Bro. Demar who was sick for five weeks, is on duty again. Bro. P. J. Burke, who has been on the sick list, has returned to work. Bro. Charles Kehoe, who had an attack of pneumonia, is getting better. Bro. Pius McInnes, who was laid up in the City Hospital for three weeks, by falling from a pole, is at work again. Bro. Neddo, whose hands were burned badly some time ago, and who was snatched from death by Bro. William Wilson, is around, but unable to work.

Financial Secretay Tracy received a letter from Fred Roberts, an ex-president of 37, from New Orleans. He reports things favorable from there, and says he is still in the game.

Business outside the Electrical Light Co. is pretty good here. We are in the midst of an old-fashioned New England winter.

The newly elected and installed officers of Local 37 are:

President—F. J. Sheehan.
Vice-Pres.—F. Trumbull.
Fin. Sec.—J. J. Tracy.
Rec. Sec.—M. Collins.
Press Sec.—F. J. Sheehan.
Treas.—T. F. Herbert.
Inspector—A. McIsaac.

Foreman—C. Schroeder.

Trustees—P. J. Burke, F. Keman.

F. J. SHEEHAN,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 38.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, here I am again, and as my last letter passed off all right will try and see what I can do this time, although news is quite scarce at present.

Our meeting on Jan. 27 was one of much interest to all the boys as we had the pleasure of having our grand president with us. The boys were all very glad to see him, as Uncle Tom is all right and his presence is acceptable at all times. Our president not being at the meeting on account of some very important business, we all insisted on Uncle Tom taking his place for the evening, which he gladly did, and our meeting was carried out to a finish. Everything went along nicely and the conduct was above the ordinary. Come again, Uncle Tom, as we are always glad to see your smiling face.

Work is not very plenty at present writing. Some of the boys are not working, but I think in a short time they will all be at work again, the prospects being very good for the future.

I think we, as members and brothers of Local 38, should show our good feeling towards our present business agent in the good work he has accomplished in the past. He has proved to be one of the best we have had in the field for some time. At our meeting on Feb. 5 he reported having an unfair shop on the fair list for which he had been working hard for some time, trying to get the boys in line and have them join the union, which they will never regret.

We had quite a number of visitors from different unions at our last meeting. They took the floor for a few minutes, which we were pleased to have them do, but they told us that we were a little slow in doing business. I think that myself, but then, brothers, you will have to excuse us this time as our boys, or at least some of them, are afraid to speak when we have callers. Come again, brothers, we are always glad to see your pleasant faces.

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There was a little matter discussed at our last meeting in regard to all the different unions throughout the city going together and renting a hall for the purpose of holding meetings once a month and have all their troubles brought up and talked over. I for one think it would be a good scheme and ought to be put through, so as to have all unions working in harmony with one another. There are times when little things come up in a local which could be brought before such a body and discussed, and then we would all know the outcome.

Our local was visited with a very sad death on Jan. 15th. Bro. W. H. Malbon, of 18 Belden St., while at work in the ship yards Saturday, Jan. 12th, fell a distance of 27 feet through an opening in the vessel, smashing his skull and face badly. He lived but a few hours. He was a member of 38 and also a very good one—one the boys will miss often at the meetings. All the boys that knew him have a good, kind word for him. He was also a member of the Foresters. Local 38 turned out in full and the funeral was conducted very nicely. Nearly all the boys were present to show the good will and feeling they had for the dear brother who had passed to the world beyond. He leaves behind him a small family, consisting of a loving and devoted wife and two little children. Local 38 extends to the bereaved family their heartfelt sympathy.

Well, as I have just about run down I will ring off and charge my battery for the next time.

Yours fraternally,
B. A. EMHOFF, Press Sec.

Local Union No. 41.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, the time has rolled around for another letter to the Worker. I had better begin to indite my few bits of information lest I be placed on the gridiron should no letter appear. Conditions are about the same as they were last month, everybody working and once in a while a floater arrives and catches onto something. As our business agent keeps in touch with about all the electric work that is being done or is projected, he generally finds someone who wants a man. But "hear ye," brothers of other locals, don't take this as a

notice that there is lots of work here and no men, for such is not the case.

The weather has been too severe and the snow too deep to start quite a lot of work that is to be done. I am of the opinion that the next call for men at the Pan-American Exposition, should there be a call, will be the last one, as everything is pretty well on the road to completion. The exposition will be complete before opening time if they keep up at the rate they are going. Will try in my next letter to give a slight description of the electrical work at the exposition. Using the above as an apology, I will cut out the exciter.

Yours fraternally,
W. A. PULLIAM,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 52.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I hope this will reach you in time for the February Worker. I put off writing until this date in hopes that I could report a satisfactory settlement of differences between No. 52 and No. 3, but found that we could not reach an agreement yet, but hope to before time for the next communication for the Worker. The contractors, with the exception of two or three who do most of their own work, hiring men only occasionally, have signed our new agreement and we practically control all electrical work in this vicinity. We have become affiliated with the Building Trades Council of Montclair, which is the best council in this vicinity; all that is necessary to call a job is for one delegate to say that a man on the job is a scab, or that he is not recognized by the local of his trade, and all drop their tools. I will not try to give the whole of our new agreement, as it will take up too much space, and I have other things which I think are of more importance at this time, but will give the part that is printed on our working cards, which comprises the principal changes from our agreement of last year.

Art. 3. Wiremen and helpers working beyond the city limit shall leave the city on train or car which leaves that point closest to 8 a. m., and return on train or car which leaves nearest point to job at 5 p. m.

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Art. 7. A helper is one who has worked two years at the electrical trade and who has passed a helper's examination and holds a helper's card. He shall receive \$2 per day. He shall not lay out or finish work, or work on new work alone, but can do repair work not exceeding a cost of \$5.

Art. 11. An apprentice may accompany a wireman, or a wireman and a helper, and shall act as a ground hand only.

Art. 12. All Sundays, legal holidays, State and National elections, and all time between 5 p. m. and 8 a. m., shall be paid for at the rate of double time.

Art. 15. No wireman or helper employed by the party of the first part shall contract to do any work that should properly belong to the parties of the first part. Upon proof being established of the violation of the above, said wireman or helper shall be fined not less than \$5 and not more than \$20 for the first offense, and if found guilty a second time he shall be expelled from the electrical union.

Art. 16. All contractors maintaining a main office beyond the county limits of Essex county, N. J., shall pay all wiremen that they employ from Local Union No. 52 the sum of \$3.50 per day, and all helpers at the rate of \$2 per day.

We had the pleasure of having Grand President Wheeler with us on the 23d of last month, at which time we held an informal smoker, given in his honor, which those present thoroughly enjoyed. Our grand president came here to try and straighten out the difference with No. 3, but did not meet with much success, as our principal demand for recognition of traveling cards, as provided for in the Constitution, and the right to territory as a separate local, was not to their liking; in fact, it seems as though it was all for them and nothing for the rest of us. Now I should like to call the attention of the E. B. and brothers to the following Articles in the Constitution: First, Art. XXXII, Secs. 1 and 2, Art. XXIII, Secs. 4 and 5. President Armstrong, of No. 3, quotes Sec. 4 of this Article as giving the E. B. power to amend the Constitution for their benefit, but he will see that all the power given is to pass on the meaning of any part in case of dispute, and that Sec. 5, which he evidently did not want to see, or was too

blind to see, says that: "If at any time the E. B. deem a new law necessary to govern the Brotherhood in a matter not provided for in this Constitution, they may recommend a clause to the L. U.'s to be voted on, and should a two-thirds vote support the recommendation, it shall become law."

Now we see that No. 3 and No 134 are not lawfully in the I. B., as it is necessary to accept and abide by the Constitution to become a member of the Brotherhood.

We have found that the business of the wiremen has taken so much of the time at the meetings that our shopmen were dropping away from us and we have decided to hold separate meetings, the first and third Mondays for wiremen and the second and fourth Mondays for shopmen. Grand President Wheeler spoke to the shopmen at the smoker, and it had some effect, evidently, as they took in seven new members last Monday night.

We are very busy here at present and could find work for a number of good wiremen, but anyone coming this way must be able to present proper credentials, and I might say, do not all jump at the chance and overdo it. One of the contractors here has the contract for the electric work for the Inaugural Ball and wishes to send two or three of our men down to superintend the work, and No. 26 of Washington writes us that they will have to be examined and pay \$10 in order to this work. This is a show of brotherhood with a vengeance, but we do not see where it comes in. Will some brother please explain.

Following is the list of officers for this term:

Pres.—F. J. McNulty.

V.-Pres.—M. R. Welch.

Treas.—W. A. Bamford.

Fin. Sec.—Wireman W. A. Robb.

Fin. Sec.—Shopman Tell Grandjean.

Rec. Sec.—Wireman W. R. Banks.

Rec. Sec.—Shopman Joseph C. Heins.

Asst. Rec. Sec.—Wireman F. L. Miller.

Press Sec.—Frank M. Giles.

1st Insp.—Wireman A. Raube, Shopman Thos. S. Cloonan.

2d Insp.—Wireman J. Siddall, Shopman Chas. Martin.

Foreman—Wireman L. V. Jansen; Shopman F. Ely.

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I will send the list of trustees for next issue, as I could not get the correct list. I was not elected until the middle of last month, so I could not send in a communication for last Worker, but will try to have something for each month hereafter.

Yours fraternally,

FRANK M. GILES.

Local Union No. 55.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 3, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

At our first meeting in January the following officers were elected:

Pres.—L. M. Steadman.

Vice-Pres.—N. Rousseau.

Rec. Sec.—C. J. Keller.

Fin. Sec.—T. Laughlin.

Inspectors—J. Martin, Henry Hudson.

Foreman—J. Baum.

It was somewhat of a re-election of old officers, which was a fitting compliment of the appreciation shown them for efficient management of the union during the past term.

Work here is holding out better for all the brothers than ever known before. All the union boys are at work, and I might say a few who are not union men, but should be. The prospects now are that work will last here all winter, and that as soon as spring opens up there will be a small boom in line work. The street car company is preparing the preliminary work to a general spreading out of suburban lines, a movement which will not only be appreciated by the electrical workers, but will prove a great benefit to the citizens of Des Moines and vicinity, and should receive their universal support.

On Tuesday last we had one of the most destructive fires that has ever desecrated the fair appearance of our city. While we are glad to report that there were no lives lost, the number of employes thrown out of employment and the amount of property destroyed is deplored by all.

At our first meeting of the new century and new year we initiated four candidates and received two by card, which we consider a good starter.

We have three brothers laid up on account of falls, Bros. Pearson, Sexton and Baum. We hope to see them out with us again in the near future.

Yours truly,

J. FITZGERALD,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 56.

Erie, Pa., Feb. 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Here is where you get a word from No. 56 for the February Worker. It's only a word, because everything is quiet with us. We are all doing a little work, but the weather has been a little cool for comfort on the sticks.

A few of the star boarders at the Moore House started a pot gang and were trying to cook a dog on a small gas stove in room 41144, and in some way a pot of hot water was turned over and Bro. Jas. Schwimmer got it on his feet. Of course, a little water wouldn't hurt his feet, but it was just hot enough to scald them good and deep. He has been laid up for three weeks and it will be about two weeks longer before he can get out and do his bit. Talk about a hot time, Jim says that was the warmest reception he ever got. He has the sympathy of all the brothers, and the boys are doing everything possible for him to make him comfortable, as he is confined to his room.

Bros. Jesse Miller, Joe Miller, Thos. Murray and John Mathews are working at Titusville, Pa., with Bro. Jesse Miller for foreman of the bunch.

The Union Tel. and Tel. Co. is building several towns around near Titusville and Mr. Lee Andress is general foreman. Of course, you all know Pa.

The brothers of No. 56 send their deepest sympathy to Bro. Jas. Vancise, who is sick and under the care of the brothers of No. 142. Good luck to you, Van, old boy, you have got all kinds of friends in Erie.

We would like to hear from Bro. Dock Hani. We hope this Worker will find him O. K. Our brother merchant, Jas. Reed, is not in the best of health. He is troubled a little with lint on the lungs. Bro. Big Chief says it is caused by chewing the rag, but Brownie says lint can't get in where there is so much hot air.

Bro. Chief Eddie has leased a large family of children and is very proud of them. He is getting along fine as they are all self-supporting.

We had election of officers the first of the year and we think we picked a good bunch.

They are as follows:

Pres.—Jesse Miller.

Vice-Pres.—Robert Gray.

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Treas.—F. M. Seaman.
Fin. Sec.—E. H. Brooks.
Rec. Sec.—Jas. Reed.
Press Sec.—L. E. Carson.
Insp.—Oscar Fuller.
Foreman—John Donahue.
Trustees—Donahue, Mowery and Carson.
No. 56 wishes me to say that we received Bro. Jas. E. Davison's letter from No. 65, and we are with him to the end.

Whoop, two blocks, I'll have to dead end here. I am, as before, your

RUBE, P. S.

Local Union No. 57.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 1, 1901.
Editor Electrical Worker:

Notice is hereby given to the Executive Board and to the various locals of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers throughout the world;

That Local 57, of Salt Lake City, Utah, endorses the statement made by Local 65, of Butte, Mont., in the January number of the Worker, demanding the recognition of any and all traveling cards issued by that local.

Local 57, of Salt Lake City, Utah, demands the recognition of any and all traveling cards issued by it according to our constitution (Art. XIV, Sec. 4), and that no member carrying such card shall be compelled to pay any sum whatever as examination fee before or after his card has been presented to or accepted by any local to which he may present his card.

J. R. BLAIR,
President.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 4, 1901.
Editor Electrical Worker:

Everything is moving along at about the same old gait. We are gradually coming to the front, adding new lights occasionally. There is not much timber left on which to work in our line, but plenty in others. Occasionally we hear from the outside, "I will come in when I see I have to." That time is coming and not far away. It is too bad anyone will stay away from a good thing until they are driven to it.

We are all very much interested in our work and when the president says "Discussions of practical electrical subjects," we will be loaded for him, as we have ordered a nice big blackboard 4 by 6 feet and a box of chalk.

On the evening of January 28 we had an

accident at the Pioneer Power Plant at Ogden. One of the air valves became defective, allowing the water to escape and washed away the side of the mountain, leaving 45 feet of the pipe line, which is seven feet in diameter, suspended in the air. The pipe, when full, carries about a ton of water to the foot. With the aid of the East, West and Central Steam Plants and the Cottonwood Power Plants the voltage was kept up pretty well until the damage could be repaired. All lights were O. K. in about two hours.

Bros. Furzer, Glynn, Brinkman, Moore, Foster, Warner and Thomas are in town again, and from what they say prefer the city to the country work.

Bro. Wm. Scott, who has charge of the Murray sub-station for the Utah Light and Power Co., has been down to Bingham Junction for the past month installing a sub for the new smelter, the Bingham Copper and Gold Mining Co., to furnish power for three 100 ton furnaces. One of the furnaces was started January 31st and everything moved off to the satisfaction of the management.

The Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Co. are making some extensive improvements in the city. In a short time they will have all of the wires in the commercial district underground. They have also been extending their lines through Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado and Montana.

Yours fraternally,
T. R. JOHNSON,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 62.

Youngstown, O., Feb. 8, 1901.
Editor Electrical Worker:

The time is at hand when I will have to make some kind of a report through the columns of the Electrical Worker concerning our union. We have been having hard sledding for the last six months, some of our members dropping out of the ranks and quite a few taking their traveling cards and departing, some to I don't know where and others I do. You will reach Bros. Bert Spears, W. H. Palmer and Keethly at Columbus, O., care C. U. Tel. Co.; J. W. Palmer, Springfield, Ill.; L. C. Allen, Pittsburg, Pa.; A. H. Alton, Chicago, Ill.; Ike Arkwright, West Liberty, Pa., and a dozen others who took out their

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traveling cards and are gone I don't know where. We were down to a handful only; but we are having a revival. They are coming this way. We had seven ride the goat in the last two weeks and have three applications on hand for next meeting night. So you see we will be busy for another week or two. By that time we will be on our feet again and the Central Labor Union has promised to help us out of the hole as much as they can, which is saying a good bit.

Work with us is slack just now. The Light Co. is the only company doing anything, but when spring comes there will be lots of work for every lineman.

We had an election after a few trials at it and found enough to go around—that is, enough brothers to fill the offices, and by the time our next meeting night rolls around we will be ready to install and make a full report and square ourselves all around. I will give you below the result of the election:

Pres.—W. T. Hart.
 Vice-Pres.—F. C. Fraunfelter.
 Rec. Sec.—W. H. Griffith.
 Fin. Sec.—G. F. Hartman.
 Treas.—H. H. Baughman.
 1st Insp.—Bert Beaver.
 2d Insp.—Jas. O'Brien.
 Foreman—J. C. Terry.
 Trustee—Bert Beaver.
 Delegate to C. L. U.—W. T. Hart.
 Press Sec.—W. H. Buzard.

It is no use to say anything in the way of compliments to the above officers. They are all right and are in the right places, with the exception of one. Yours,

BUZARD, Press Sec.

Local Union No. 69.

Dallas, Feb. 4, 1901.
 Editor Electrical Worker:

I thought it would be a good idea to inform you of the fact that we have won a fight of great interest in our city. The Southwestern Elec. Eng. and Con. Co. refused to recognize the committee that called on all contractors of the city in regard to the scale of wages and hours. Therefore they were placed on the unfair list. Last week they notified the local that if a committee were appointed they could perhaps come to some agreement; therefore a committee was appointed at last regular meeting to see the above mentioned firm, which they did, with the following

success: That the company agreed to pay the state scale of wages and employ only union men. Under the circumstances the committee decided to call a special meeting to take action on the same. The meeting being called, and by unanimous vote, the strike against the S. U. E. E. & C. Co. was called off.

The telephone strike is about the same, though they laid off several scabs last week.

I am yours, fraternally,
 J. WILKINSON, R. S.

Local Union No. 76.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 4, 1901.
 Editor Electrical Worker:

It has been some time since you last heard from 76, on account of our Press Sec'y leaving town just before the election of officers. You may expect to hear from us more regularly, now that he have a brand new set of officers installed. On the 25th of Dec. the election was held and the new officers were installed at the next regular meeting.

It has been found expedient to meet only twice a month, on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays. Everything seems to be going along smoothly in our line of work.

The Nov. and Jan. journals have arrived and have been distributed among the members. Four new ones were admitted at our last meeting. All members are doing well.

Fraternally,
 A. S. KALLENBORN,
 Press Sec.

Local Union No. 79.

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 7, 1901.
 Editor Electrical Worker:

The time has come for me, as press secretary of No. 79, to say a few words about the welfare of our progressive local. We are still taking in new brothers at every meeting, two at the last, Bros. Carney and Ostrander. We also elected and installed our new officers for the ensuing year and every man is a hustler.

We are going to have a smoker soon and when we do would like to see Bro. Sherman here.

No. 79 has got 'em all coming and it won't be long before we will be heard in the Trades Assembly. The delegates elected were Bros. Cambridge, Young and your humble servant. We were seated

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Feb. 6th. Now we are on the road to win. Of course, we want a lot, but one thing we are going to have, and that is a square deal from the city of Syracuse, something the electrical workers never have had.

Everybody is working full time, and when the opposition Telephone Co. gets to stringing their electric light wires to supply the city we will be in it, you bet; so if any of the foreign brothers are out of work just drop a line to J. K. Mc., and after he gets through with our dear Mr. Carnegie of Pittsburg, Pa., he will fix it so you can all get a job. The telephone business is rushing. The new company has an outside force under Bro. Billy Riley and the old reliable C. N. Y. has been making preparations for 300 new 'phones and more cable. General Foreman J. K. Foote has a large force building Baldwinsville all new.

I understand we are to have a direct wire to the Pan-American grounds in Buffalo, thereby giving Syracuse people who attend the benefit of talking direct to their own homes. I have been informed that one of our most worthy brothers has an invention to throw a flash-light of the Exposition grounds right here so we can all see it. Great head, brother, but have you figured on how many amperes you will lose if you don't stop off at Rochester and get stepped up at Bro. McGuire's new transformers, at 101 State St., and while there keep your eye on the World's bulletin between the Auto-go and all foreign nations, one of Bro. McGuire's latest productions. I put in my address this time, Jack (331 Delaware), so call when down to "Sarah." We would all like to see you, as well as the "old man."

General Foreman Jas. S. Tyrell has had a hard pull with the grip, but is now able to be out. Bro. Joe Fitzgerald has been installed operator by the W. U. on the Syracuse station.

You will have to excuse this poor letter as I have just received orders to go to Otisco Valley. I will have to hustle Bob along and tell how it happened in my next.

Very truly yours,
L. J. CROUCH,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 83.

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

At the time of this writing there is noth-

ing encouraging, as none of the linemen have as yet resumed work and nothing is in store till spring. The inside work is also slack at present, but may be all right in the near future. There are two buildings, fourteen and twelve stories, in construction, the electrical work in one will be done by Julius Andrae & Son, electrical contractors. These people do not, as yet, work with union labor, and arrangements have been made to get an agreement signed which we hope will be a success.

Bro. Geo. McLaughlin has had the misfortune of breaking his right arm about three weeks ago and is progressing nicely. Bro. C. F. Smith was laid up with la grippe for two weeks.

Labor movements of Milwaukee are accelerating sublimely with the exception of the electrical workers who have had a terrible downfall in the past, and I hope the day is not far off when the electrical workers will be in line again. At present there is a test case in court, viz., iron moulders and employer for discharging an iron moulder because he belonged to a labor organization; the employer has been arrested and the trial will be on the 15th inst.

In my last letter (January) the article pertaining to the negro was written by myself as a matter for consideration. The vote by this local was negative.

Yours fraternally,
J. D. MACK,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 96.

Worcester, Mass., Feb. 9, 1901.
Editor Electrical Worker:

Like all the rest of humanity we have our troubles, but keep cool and they pass away. That part of the union employed by the New England Telephone Co. has just cooled down. One Maguire, the assistant division superintendent located here at W., has paid some of the men off at \$2.40 a day when they understood they were to have \$2.50 per day, but the boys think they have things in hand and that things are coming out O. K. You recollect that when Springfield won her strike the agreement with them was supposed to cover the whole division, anyway we got what Springfield got. Now the boys feel that this action of Maguire's is an attempt

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to make capital for himself at their expense and that it does not come from headquarters, anyway it don't go.

All union men employed, but no surplus jobs.

G. F. H.

Local Union No. 118.

Dayton, O., Feb. 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, brothers, as it is time again, I must not forget a good cause and let it slip by. Our little cart is coming right to the front, thanks to the good work of our members.

As time is limited I will say that work is not the largest article on the market here for sale, but all but one are still hustling. This one brother, who has been in a hard row of stumps and is playing nurse to his father, has received permission from the shoe workers to open up a cobbling shop, so if you need a new (soul) sole come around. He also wishes any information as to the whereabouts of Bro. Jud Strouse anyone can furnish, addressed to Freddy Saltz (Horse), care 118, Dayton.

Bro. Editor, hoping this will find a littles spare space in this month's Worker, I close, wishing you all the happiness and success that can be obtained.

Yours fraternally,

THOS. FISHER,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 120.

London, Feb. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As there hasn't been anything in the Worker from 120 for some time, I send you a few lines to let you know that we are still alive and kicking, principally kicking these days, with the mercury down round the zero notch. All the boys here are working, that is, those who haven't got the gripe.

Well, I think I shall have to ring off or our P. S. will think I'm trying to do him out of his job. So wishing you all success I remain, Yours fraternally, A. A.

Local Union No. 138.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Feb. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

No. 138 is still among the living and all the boys are working. So far we have nearly all the boys in line, and hope to have them all in before long. We would like to ask our worthy president why he

put the water on the board; of course it helped it along fine. I see one of our brothers is growing a new shoe-brush.

Well, as there is not much here in the way of news, will cut the circuit for this time. Fraternally yours,

B. C. H., P. S.

Local Union No. 143.

Conneaut, O., Feb. 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As the time has rolled around for another letter, I will try and let you know what is going on in these parts. Prospects are good for this summer, as the Home Company intends to rebuild its plant here, and Bro. A. S. Morrill says they are going to rebuild at Painville.

Bro. James Moore left us last week and went to New Orleans, from which place he expects to start for South America. May the best wishes of his many friends go with him. Success, James, old boy.

Would advise all floating brothers to steer clear of this town this winter, and I will let you know as to the movements here through the columns of our valuable journal and when to come this way.

As my flues are about blown, I remain,

Fraternally yours,
P. H. WALLACE,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 148.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to let all of the electrical workers know of the progress made by our brotherhood in Washington.

This evening, No. 148 co-operating with No. 26, held an open meeting and smoker for the purpose of organizing a mixed local, comprised of cable splicers, examiners, and ground hands. The organizing was done by President O. E. Lewis of 148, and President J. H. Hoffacke of No. 26.

The large hall was packed and some very good speeches made. F. H. Ranigan, president of the Steamfitters' Union, and district organizer of the A. F. of L., was the principal speaker, and he very ably set forth the advantages to be gained by organized labor. He was very enthusiastic with regard to our new undertaking, and was a great help.

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It will be well to say here that if any of the brothers happen to drop around this way, to guard carefully against the use of the word "ground-hog," when referring to linemens' helpers, for it may end very seriously for him. The men don't consider that they are common any longer, and moreover, they wish to command the respect of all. We are pleased to see this, and hope it may keep on the increase.

The smoker, to say the least, was a grand success. After the men had signed the article, that is to be of so much benefit to them refreshments were served, and I am sure that it is an event that will never be forgotten by the participants.

Bros. Bessman of No. 26, and Cooney, Dull and Newton, of Local No. 27 of Baltimore, visited us a couple of weeks ago, and had a fund of good advice and suggestions for us, that they had gained by actual experience. It is impossible for us to express our gratitude for the interest shown by them for us.

The work here still booms, and the prospects are that the booming is liable to continue for some time.

Bros. Dove and Fish may hand me their grievance sheet, as I am guilty of the misspelling of their names in my last letter, and want to congratulate the publisher in not making more mistakes than he did, considering the writing with which he had to deal.

Fraternally yours,

HARLEY M. ELLER,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 152.

Fort Scott, Feb. 5, 1901.
Editor Electrical Worker:

The time has come once more for me to close the circuit and let the world know how things are progressing in this part of the country. We took in five new members last meeting night and expect to get some more in the near future. Work is at a standstill here at present on account of bad weather, but we expect work to pick up in a little while now.

In regard to the communication from No. 9, will say No. 152 don't approve of any compusory insurance. We took a vote on the proposition and the vote was unanimous against it. If the insurance is left to the option of each member we are

in favor of it. I think, if we could run an insurance the same as the Woodmen or Workmen, it would be all O. K., and then, if a member didn't want it he could leave it alone. In our Local 152 there is seven or eight men who are now carrying from \$2,00 to \$5,000. and they don't like to drop it, and can't stand it to carry any more. I would like to hear from every local and find out the general opinion of everybody.

In regard to admitting colored linemen into the Brotherhood, No. 152 says "No," in big red letters.

Now for our new officers:

Pres.—Charles Finch.
F. S.—Jas. Runkle.
R. S.—C. E. Kitchen.
Treas.—J. F. Tigarden.
Insp.—Oval Pratz.
Foreman—W. S. Craighead.

We meet every first and third Thursday nights at G. A. R. hall, between 1st and 2d Main street.

As I have told all I know I will pull the switch and stop the flow of eloquence for fear I will take up too much space in our most valuable journal, so out comes the switch and we are in darkness once more.

Your most humble

P. S. JAS. RUNKLE.

Local Union No. 154.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 8, 1901.
Editor Electrical Worker:

If you will allow me a little space I will try and contribute a few lines to the Worker to let my brother workmen know I am still on earth. Well, I found a lot of good union men down here and they seem to be all busy at present. Bro. Tillie Braseus and myself are rubbing up a few joints every day. We have about a month's work here and by that time it will be time to emigrate North. I would like to ask 154 why they never sent me my due and working cards. I wrote to Bros. Durkin and Daily but failed to get a reply. I have been without a working card two months through negligence of the officers of 154. Perhaps their ink is all frozen up, or they lack the necessary two-cent stamp.

Well, I guess I better cut it out, as I'm not adapted to slingling ink.

ED DAY,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 156.

Fort Worth, Feb. 6, 1901.
Editor Electrical Worker:

The time for a letter to the Worker having again arrived, we will try and let the

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brothers know that 156 is still alive and making a hard fight for a living wage and the recognition of our Brotherhood. The situation, so far as this city is concerned, has not improved at all. The Telephone company still stands firm, and the various contractors here have formed what is termed the "Contractors and Builders Club." Practically all the contractors in the city belong to this club, and each of them have agreed to submit to a fifty-dollar fine if they give work to any man carrying a card issued by any organization affiliated with the Building Trades Council or Trades Assembly. As our local is affiliated with both of these bodies we are practically locked out. There is only one fair outfit in our line in this place and that is the "A. J. Anderson Electrical Company," who signed our agreement on the 4th of this month. The action of the Business Club threw close to one thousand men out of work here, but we anticipate very little trouble in gaining an early and decisive victory, as our central bodies are thoroughly organized and are putting up a good fight and we have quite a lot of work tied up that the contractors are anxious to complete.

The letter in our Worker for January, from Local No. 65 of Butte, Montana, in regard to excessive charges for depositing traveling cards and examination fee meets with the entire approval of this local, and we fully endorse the same. It would work a hardship on almost our entire brotherhood, and is also a distinct violation of our constitution; see Article XIV., section 4, and any local union violating the constitution forfeits its charter under the constitution. We are glad to see No. 65 sound a warning and extend to them our cordial support.

Bro. R. R. Tripp, 3rd vice-president of our international, was in our city yesterday and gave us a complete resume of the strike situation throughout the state, and we find from his statement that we have the Bell Company very badly crippled in places where there is an opposition company. We were all very glad to see Bro. Tripp and hope to have him with us again soon.

Hello! Bro. Dragoon of 156! Let us hear from you; last we heard you was in San Antonio. The boys want to know what you are doing with yourself.

Well, Mr. Editor, guess if I don't break this off it will go to the waste basket, so wishing success to the entire brotherhood,

I remain, fraternally,

J. R. HANCOCK,
Press Sec.

NAT. BLDG. TRADES COUNCIL.

A Victory for the I. B. E. W. on Every Point Contested.

Thomas Wheeler, Grand President:

Dear Sir and Bro.—It being my duty, it also becomes my pleasure to submit to you, and through you to the Executive Board and the membership at large, a report of my own as well as the labors of those associated with me at the Fourth Annual Convention of the National Building Trades Council of America, held in Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 13 to 19, 1901. Arriving in the pork metropolis, I found to my extreme delight and satisfaction that there were four other members of our Brotherhood already on the ground. They were Bros. Kelly of No. 1, Smith of No. 30, Brennan of 134, and the well known and energetic business agent of No. 1, P. Coughlin, who came to Cincinnati as the representative of the East St. Louis B. T. C.

Considering it to be my prerogative as well as my duty as the representative of the International body, and realizing as I did the important work we had to do, I called a conference of all our delegates. At this meeting a plan of action was decided upon and, at my suggestion, Bro. Kelly of No. 1 was given charge of the floor work of the convention. He was also instructed to draft a resolution comprising a statement of our grievances. He immediately set to work and the following, with only a few minor changes from the original copy, is the result of his labor:

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 14, 1901.
To the Officers and Delegates of the Fourth
Annual Convention of the N. B. T. C.,
Greeting:

The National Building Trades Council is composed of the various trades engaged in the construction and alteration of buildings, the autonomy of each trade organization being recognized and guaranteed by the constitution.

The jurisdiction of a trade is established:

First—By the name as plumber, gas-fitter, steam-fitter, tinner, bricklayer, plasterer, stone-cutter, etc.

Second—By the constitution, by-laws and working rules of the national organizations and the various local unions of said national organizations affiliated with the N. B. T. C., and local subordinate B. T. C.'s throughout the country.

Third—By long and generally established usage.

The International Brotherhood of Elec-

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trical Workers is affiliated with the N. B. T. C. Its local unions in all cities where B. T. C.'s exist are affiliated with such councils.

The jurisdiction of the I. B. E. W. is established:

First—By the name, Electrical Workers—mechanics engaged in the construction and installation of all devices by which the energy or force known as electricity is generated, transmitted and utilized.

Second—Organization, constitution and laws. The I. B. E. W. was organized ten years ago by the various locals of the trade then in existence and adopted a constitution setting forth its jurisdiction. Since then the organization has spent thousands of dollars in organizing the craft and bettering the condition of its members by shortening the hours of work and advancing wages, and is now recognized as the only bona fide union of Electrical Workers in North America.

Third—Long established usage has drawn the line of demarcation between electrical workers and other trades where the line has not otherwise been clearly defined.

Recently, however, several attempts have been made by other trades to claim and do work that has always been claimed and done by electrical workers, notably in Cincinnati, where the gas-fitters claim the right to install a special device for protecting the electrical conductors, technically known as iron armored conduit. The B. T. C. of Cincinnati has decided in favor of the gas-fitters against the protest of the electrical workers' union.

The electrical workers now appeal from this decision to the N. B. T. C., in convention assembled, and ask for a reversal of the decision of the B. T. C. of Cincinnati, and the recognition and indorsement by the N. B. T. C. of the claim and right of electrical workers to do all kinds of electrical work as set forth above and claimed in their charter, constitution, working rules and application for affiliation with the N. B. T. C. and the local B. T. C.'s throughout the country.

CHAS. SMITH,
FRANK BRENNAN,
J. H. MALONEY,
J. T. KELLY,

Delegates representing the Electrical Workers.

Early in the deliberations of the convention, during the afternoon session of the first day, your delegates were given a shock which only those accustomed to handling and controlling the mystic fluid could withstand. A communication was read from one (?) of the local Building Trades Councils of Greater New York regarding affiliation with the national body. Accom-

panying the communication, or application which it was really, was a list of affiliated trades with their attested membership attached. In this list appeared the name of our own erstwhile illegitimate offspring, No. 12, whose disreputable acts, yes, heinous crimes, make us wish we could forget the ungrateful child who was capable later of even disgracing its foster parent, the Knights of Labor. Yes, No. 12 was there with 1,400 members, mark you, 1,400 attested members! O tempora, O mores!

On motion the matter was referred to the incoming executive board. During the discussion on the motion Bros. Kelly, Coughlin and your humble servant took occasion to pay our respects to No. 12. Some invective was indulged in. No one would welcome the organization of a subordinate branch of the N. B. T. C. in Greater New York with more appreciable eclat than we, but not with No. 12 as an integral part thereof. Oh, no! Oh, no! What a pity that honorable trades unions are to be found in such company. It is safe to say, however, that no charter will be issued under the circumstances.

Prior to a final report by the grievance committee on our appeal from the decision of the Cincinnati B. T. C., an appeal from the elevator constructors from a decision rendered by the B. T. C. of St. Louis, deciding a controversy in a case where the electricians, machinists and elevator constructors differed as to trade autonomy or control, was taken up. In this instance the local Building Trades Council defined the duties of the trades concerned, giving the electrical work to the electrical worker, the machine work to the machinist, and the elevator work proper to the elevator constructor. This decision was satisfactory to the electricians and machinists, but was excepted to by the elevator constructors in their appeal. The delegates present, recognizing the fairness and the justness of the decision of the St. Louis B. T. C. in the matter, took the following action:

"On appeal of Elevator Constructors from the decision of the B. T. C. of St. Louis in the case of Electricians and Machinists against the Elevator Constructors, we recommend that the action of the B. T. C. of St. Louis be sustained."

On motion by Delegate Harvey the recommendation was concurred in, a trade vote

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being taken resulted in 105 yeas and 6 nays.

After this resolution the crucial test came, on our resolution, the grievance committee bringing in the following report:

"On appeal of electrical workers against the decision of the B. T. C. of Cincinnati in awarding conduit work to the gas fitters, we recommend that this work be given to the electricians."

A motion was offered by Delegate De Barry that the recommendation be concurred in. Amended by Delegate Kennedy that the case be left in the hands of the Cincinnati B. T. C. This amendment, however, was declared out of order by the chair. An amendment was then offered by Delegate Gallagher, of Jersey City, that the recommendation be referred to the general executive boards of the electricians, gas fitters and plumbers and the N. B. T. C.

The amendment called forth some lively arguments and a trade vote being called for resulted in 16 yeas and 95 nays.

The amendment being lost a trade vote on the original motion resulted in 105 yeas and 6 nays.

In commenting on the foregoing report it might be well to state that owing to the inactivity of the local union in Cincinnati our work was made doubly hard, and as a warning to all subordinate unions, let me cite this instance: "To the electrical worker belongs the electrical work."

Brothers, guard well the interests of your trade with the tender yearning of a mother for her child, protect your chosen calling from the encroachments of any and all organizations or individuals who would dare appropriate any part of it.

Bro. Kelly's masterful effort in presenting our case, his well chosen remarks in support of the resolution won the confidence and co-operation of all the fair-minded delegates present and established once and for all the jurisdiction and autonomy of our trade as an integral part of the general labor movement. And now, in conclusion, Mr. President, let me say without fearing the stigma of egotism, we all did well, and while Bro. Coughlin did not get an office, all else that his little heart desired was accomplished and he left the city over the Rhine, returning to his

Missouri home happy in the thought that his organization had taken her place among the proudest of her sister unions, occupying a place of honor in the vanguard of the industrial revolution. One word more and I am done. I cannot consistently close this report without paying a well merited tribute to Bro. Smith, No. 30's delegate. Always anxious to forward the interest of his organization, he lent important aid to us in the accomplishment of our mission.

It was our pleasure to attend a meeting of the local union while in Cincinnati and of all the unions we have ever visited we were never better entertained. It would require more space than I am at liberty to occupy at this time to tell you what an excellent presiding officer Bro. Berkeley is. I would like to speak of the good qualities of other members of the union, but time and space forbid it. Suffice it me to say that No. 30 has at last awakened to a keen sense of her duty and we may expect better results from her in the future. I have the honor to remain,

Your most obedient servant,
JOHN H. MALONEY.

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Directory of Unions.

Secretaries will please furnish the necessary information to make this directory complete. Note that the time and place of meeting, the name of the President, the names and addresses of the Recording and Financial Secretaries are required.

Locals are composed of branches of the trade as per the following signs:

*Mixed. †Linemen. ‡Insidemen. §Trimmers. ¶Cranemen. ||Cable Splicers. ||Switchboard Men. "Automobile Operators.

†No. 1, St. Louis, Mo.—Meets every Tuesday at Metal Trades Hall, 1310 Franklin ave. Pres., O. T. Sweet, 425½ A Evans ave.; R. S., G. R. Steele, 3004 Pine st.; F. S., Harry Ellison, 5097 A Minerva ave.

†No. 2, St. Louis, Mo.—Meets every Thursday in Lightstone's Hall, 11th and Franklin ave. Pres., T. A. Warne, 4452 Garfield ave.; R. S., W. M. Selden, 1622 Washington ave.; F. S. and Bus. Agt., G. C. Allen, 2841 Franklin ave.

†No. 3, New York, Inside Wiremen.—Every Thursday in Brevoort hall, 154 E. 54th st. Pres., D. H. Armstrong, 350 De Graw st., Brooklyn; R. S., G. W. Whitford, 218 E. 8th st.; F. S., Thos. P. Ruane, care organization, Station D. Address all communications either to officer or organization to P. O. Box 21, Station D, New York.

†No. 4, New Orleans, La.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesday evenings in P. O. S. A. Hall, Carondelet and Perdido sts. Pres., Mike Hoy, 1502 Berlin st.; R. S., R. A. Benson, 916 Union st.; F. S., P. Lamphier, 1902 St. Louis st.

†No. 5, Pittsburgh, Pa.—Meets every Friday night in Electrical Workers' Hall, 320 4th av. Pres. H. H. Haas, Castle Shannon; R. S., R. L. Bruce, 824 Talbot ave., Braddock; F. S., C. Camp, 63 Irwin ave., Alleghany.

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*No. 6, San Francisco, Cal.—Meets every Wednesday evening in Friendship Hall, Alcazar Bldg., 120 O'Farrell st. Pres., George F. Keetley, 110½ Turk st.; R. S., A. E. Drendel, 87 Brosnan st.; F. S., R. P. Gale, 1622 Washington st.

*No. 7, Springfield, Mass.—Meets every Wednesday at room 14 Barnes Blk. Pres., C. F. Sampson, 53 Lebanon st.; R. S., W. F. Kavanaugh, P. O. Box 54, Merrick, Mass.; F. S., D. B. Ahgreen, 276 Hancock st.

*No. 8, Toledo, O.—Meets every Monday at Friendship Hall, cor. Jefferson and Summit sts. Pres., F. L. Lucas, 2244 Union st.; R. S., L. J. Paratschek, 224 Park st.; F. S., H. J. Baker, 320 13th st.

†No. 9, Chicago, Ill.—Meets every Saturday at 83 Madison st., Hall 6. Pres., W. A. Jackson, Eng. Co.'s 16 31st and Dearborn sts.; R. S., Jas. L. Collins, 1151 West Madison st.; F. S., Joseph Driscoll, 77 Fuller st.

*No. 10, Indianapolis, Ind.—Meets every Monday at Labor Union Hall, 136 N. Pennsylvania st. Pres., A. Huffmeyer, 720 E. New York st.; R. S., H. M. K'smer, 1310 E. 10th st.; F. S., T. H. Forbes, 3218 W. Michigan st.

*No. 11, Waterbury, Ct.—Every Friday in Eng. Hall, G. A. R. Block, 43 East Main st., Room 10. Pres., John H. Sweeney, 10 Third st.; R. S., W. K. Eldridge, 208 S. Elm st.; F. S., P. J. Horgan, New st. and Johnson ave.

*No. 12, Pueblo, Colo.—Meets 1st and 3d Sunday afternoons in City Hall, North Main st. Pres., R. G. Briant, Colo. Telephone Co., West D st.; R. S., J. W. White, 414 West 17th st.; F. S., E. O. Ringer, 20 Block Q.

*No. 13, El Paso, Tex.—Every Monday in Phoenix Hotel, cor. Santa Fe and Overland sts. Pres., John Blake, El Paso Gas and Electric Light Co.; R. S., Ed Cory, Postal Tel. office; F. S., W. B. Carroll, Overland and Santa Fe sts.

†No. 14, Pittsburgh, Pa.—Meets every Monday in Elec. Workers' Hall, 320 4th ave. Pres., James Burgess, 350 Hector st.; R. S., D. C. Warman, 920 Wyles ave.; F. S., D. D. McKay, 1606 Centre ave.

†No. 15, Jersey City, N. J.—Every Monday in Fehren's Hall, 168 Beacon ave., J. C. Hgts. Pres., W. A. Gross, 491 Palisade av., W. Hoboken, N. J.; R. S., Wm. N. Miers, 518 Angelique st., W. Hoboken, N. J.; F. S., John Bartley, 325 Pavonia ave.

*No. 16, Evansville, Ind.—1st and 4th Mondays in Germania Hall, 114 Up 4th st. Pres., Frank Neff, 7 Syscane st.; R. S., Dorris, 511 Upper 3d st.; F. S., H. P. Deshler, 222 Lower 5th st.

*No. 17, Detroit, Mich.—Meets every Monday night in Anglim's Hall, 9 Cadillac square. Pres., Geo. Burns, 468 Butternut st.; R. S., Dan Stevens, 281 Harrison ave.; F. S., P. Campbell, 180 Dubois st.

†No. 18, Kansas City, Mo.—Meets every Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., at Labor Headquarters, 9th and Central sts. Pres., Chas. H. Adams, 2901 Summit st.; R. S., C. S. Ryerson, 620 E. 26th st.; F. S., C. E. Jackson, Lock Box 649.

*No. 19, Atchison, Kan.—Meets every Tuesday at Electrical Workers Hall, 710 Main st. Pres., F. J. Roth, Atchison, Kan.; R. S., Hugo Walters, Atchison, Kan.; F. S., J. C. Sweeney, Atchison, Kan.

†No. 20, New York City.—Meets every Tuesday night in Military Hall, 193 Bowery. Pres., C. A. Elmore, 1312 Garden st., Hoboken, N. J.; R. S., Edw. Boyle, 1312 Garden st., Hoboken, N. J.; F. S., D. B. Mostello, 306 12th st., Brooklyn.

†No. 21, Philadelphia, Pa.—Meets every Friday in Hancock Hall, 814 Girard ave., above 8th. Pres., Wm. McFadden, 114 Comac st.; R. S., Jas. J. Birmingham, 3235 Fairhill st.; F. S., Robt. Russell, 1840 Seigel st.

*No. 22, Omaha, Neb.—Meets every Wednesday at Labor Temple, 17th & Douglas sts. Pres., J. F. Simpson, 3519 Farnam st.; R. S., L. G. Lowery, 2514 Cass st.; F. S., W. J. Wales, Box 555.

*No. 23, St. Paul, Minn.—1st and 3d Mondays, Assembly hall, 3d and Wabasha. Pres., L. L. Dutton, 173 Sennesse st.; R. S., Thos. Hynes, 86 Sherburne ave.; F. S., Chas. Stark, 472 Fuller st.

*No. 24, Minneapolis, Minn.—Meets 2d and 4th Tuesdays at Alexander's Hall, 38 So. 6th st. Pres., John J. Reynolds, 1815 So. 4th ave.; R. S., Chas. Coe, 24 So. 11th st.; F. S., F. E. Lester, 183 So. 9th st.

*No. 25, Terre Haute, Ind.—Meets 1st and 3d Thursdays at C. L. U. Hall. Pres., Harry Beledros, Terre Haute; R. S., Fred Miller, 1368 Poplar st.; F. S., Lee Dickerson, 1601 College ave.

†No. 26, Washington, D. C.—Meets every Tuesday in K. of P. Hall, 7th and D st. N. W. Pres., John H. Hoffacker, 1007 N. Car. ave. S. E.: R. S., W. E. Kennedy, 1130 7th st. N. W.; F. S., George A. Malone, 48 L. st. N. W.

*No. 27, Baltimore, Md.—Meets every Monday at Border State Bank Bldg. Park and Fayette st. Pres., G. W. Spillman, 1103 W. Hamburg st.; R. S., W. A. Kemp, 232 N. Howard st.; F. S., J. A. Connally, 1728 N. Bond st.

†No. 28, Baltimore, Md.—Every Thursday at Border State Bank Hall, cor. Fayette st. and Park ave. Pres., Wm. M. Reese, 2824 Parkwood ave.; R. S., John P. Jones, 1520 N. Mount st.; F. S., W. W. Davis, 529 N. Mount st.

*No. 29, Trenton, N. J.—Meets every Tuesday evening at Ribson Bldg., cor. Front and Broad sts., 4th floor, take elevator. Pres., H. J. Manley; R. S., George Croffatt, 1454 S. Clinton ave.; F. S., F. Jeffries.

*No. 30, Cincinnati, O.—1st and 3d Wednesdays in Jackson Hall, S. E. cor. 12th and Jackson sts. Pres., John H. Berkley, 20 E. 8th st., Newport, Ky.; R. S., Frank Stinchfield, 558 Clark st., Cin., O.; F. S., Geo. R. Hilderbrand, Cold Spring, Ky.

*No. 31, Duluth, Minn.—Meets 1st and 3d Thursdays at Kalamazoo Bldg., 18 West Sup. st. Pres., Ed. Jennings, 708½ E. 2nd st.; R. S., E. A. Nelson, 5 E. Superior st.; F. S., M. A. Hibbard, 1020 E. 4th st.

*No. 32, Lima, O.—Meets 1st and 3d Fridays in Donze Hall, South Main st. Pres., C. H. Lee; R. S., W. C. Holmes, 110 Harrison ave., F. S., E. Krause, 213 East Wayne st.

*No. 33, New Castle, Pa.—Meets every other Monday night in the Clendenning Block, cor. Washington and Mercer sts. Pres., Fred Harrison, New Castle, Pa.; R. S., James B. Dygert, 178 Barbour pl., Croton, Pa.; F. S., John McCaskey, 19 S. Pine st.

*No. 34, Peoria, Ill.—Meets 2d and 4th Mondays in Myer's Hall, 1313 South Adams st. Pres., N. Deworth, 916 Smith st.; R. S., J. H. Brown, C. U. Tel. Co.; F. S., C. S. Kitteenring, 413½ First st.

*No. 35, Massillon, Ohio.—Pres., H. Munin; F. S., C. C. Miller, 202 E. South st.

*No. 36, Sacramento, Cal.—Every Wednesday in Federated Trades Hall, 1013 10th st. Pres., F. A. Holden, 915 19th st.; R. S., A. J. Francis, 711 H st.; F. S., John Williams, 429 N. st.

*No. 37, Hartford, Conn.—Meets every Friday at Central Labor Union Hall, 747 Main st. Pres., F. J. Sheehan, 86 North st., New Britain, Conn.; R. S., M. Collins; F. S., J. J. Tracy, 58 Temple st.

†No. 38, Cleveland, O.—Meets every Tuesday in Engineers' Hall, 120 Superior, between Water and Bank sts. Pres., D. O. Clark, 156 Oregon st.; R. S., E. B. Horne, 50 Outhwaite st.; F. S., Frank Estinghausen, 5 Superior pl.

*No. 39, Cleveland, O.—Every Thursday in Arch Hall, 393 Ontario st. Pres., J. F. Slattery, 28 Lake st.; R. S., Frank J. Sullivan, 24 Chatham st.; F. S., A. W. McIntyre, 328 Waverly ave.

*No. 40, St. Joseph, Mo.—Meets every Thursday night in Building Trades Council Hall, cor. 5th and Francis sts. Pres., Wm. Dorsel, 1710 Calhoun st.; R. S., J. C. Schneider, 808 South 5th st.; F. S., Alf. Imboden, City Power House.

†No. 41, Buffalo, N. Y.—Meets every Wednesday at Council Hall, Huron and Ellicott st. Pres., Clay Weeks, 646 Virginia st.; R. S., Jno. O'Connell, 614 Fargo ave.; F. S., H. M. Scott, 646 Virginia st.

*No. 42, Utica, N. Y.—1st and 3d Fridays in Labor temple, 18 Hotel st. Pres., J. Nelson; 64 Green st.; R. S., O. Keeler, 78 Broadway; F. S., Frank Brigham, 16 Dudley st.

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***No. 43, Syracuse, N. Y., Inside Wiremen**—Meet in Myers Hall cor. Montgomery and East Genesee sts., second and fourth Fridays. Pres., H. E. York, 503 Hickory st.; R. S., F. H. Kinney, Box 416; F. S., F. H. York, 216 Ash st.

***No. 44, Rochester, N. Y.**—Every Tuesday in Durand bldg., W. Main st., room 16. Pres., John Haley, Home Telephone Co.; R. S., M. Warner, 18 Ford st.; F. S., Wm. Carroll, 457 State st., Room 14.

***No. 45, Buffalo, N. Y.**—2d and 4th Saturdays in Orient Hall, 13½ Swan st. Pres., Wm. Haley, 258 Pearl st.; R. S., Harry Langdon, 213 Grote st.; F. S., Martin Scanlon, 797 So. Division st.

***No. 46, Lowell, Mass.**—Meets every Thursday evening in Engineers' Hall, Wyman's Ex. Bldg., Central and Merrimac sts. Pres., H. F. Harding, 38 E. Pine st.; R. S., John H. O'Connor, 121 Pleasant st.; F. S., Lester G. Hall, box 292

***No. 47 Sioux City, Ia.**—Pres. J. J. Sullivan, 1701 Center st.; R. S., C. H. Lingren, 814 West 4th st.; F. S., W. F. Truax, Union Elec. Co.

***No. 48, Richmond, Va.**—Meets 1st and last Saturdays in Thon's Hall, 17th and Main sts. Pres., Douglas Eaton, 804 N. 26th st.; R. S., J. Howell, 412 S. Belvidere st.; F. S., W. B. Catlett, 408 E. Cary st.

***No. 49, Chicago, Ill.**—Meets every Second and Fourth Wednesday in Jung's Hall, 106 Randolph st. Pres. W. J. Callahan, 35 E. 16th st.; R. S., F. H. Prince, 444 W. Lake st.; F. S., James Byrne, 4600 Lake ave.

***No. 50, Belleville, Ill.**—2d and 4th Thursdays in Cloess' Hall, Richland and C sts. Pres., Henry Christian, 103 E Main st.; R. S., James Ogden; F. S., D. Mallinson.

***No. 51, Pittsburgh, Pa.**—1st Sunday and 2d, 3d and 4th Thursday at Electrical Workers' hall, 320 4th av. Pres. A. W. Thompson, 22 Brighton pl., Allegheny; R. S., G. E. Moore, 1412 Irwin ave., Allegheny; F. S., P. F. Corcoran, P. O. Box 545, Mc Kee's Rocks.

***No. 52, Newark, N. J.**—Wiremen 1st and 3d Mondays, Shopmen 2d and 4th Mondays in Wood's Bldg., 120 Market st. Pres., F. J. McNulty, 179 N. 2d st.; R. S., Wiremen, W. R. Banks, 205 Sherman st., Shopmen, Joseph C. Heines, 106 N. 13th st.; F. S., Wiremen, W. A. Robb, 136 Bloomfield ave., Shopmen, Tell Grandjean, 272 N. 6th st.

***No. 53, Harrisburg, Pa.**—Meets every Tuesday evening in hall on Myrtle ave., in rear of 257 N st. Pres., C. A. Swarger, 622 Forster st.; R. S., R. E. Bleyer, 257 North st.; F. S., Carl A. E. Anderson, 46 Summit st.

***No. 54, Columbus, O.**—1st and 3d Wednesday evening at Hellermans Hall, 180½ E. Town st. Pres., W. R. Kneeland, 71½ N. High st.; R. S., A. T. Willey, 544 Avon court; F. S., Wm. Creiston, 266 E. Main st.

***No. 55, Des Moines, Ia.**—Meets every Thursday night at Trades Assembly Hall. Pres., L. M. Steadman, 108 Shaw st.; R. S., C. J. Keller, 1109 Walnut st.; F. S., Chas. Laflin, 226 38th st.

***No. 56, Erie, Pa.**—Meets 1st, 3d and 5th Tuesdays in Woodman's Hall, 9th and State sts. Pres., Ed. O'Day; R. S., J. L. Hampel, 555 W. 3d st.; F. S., F. Morey, 314 W. 12th st.

***No. 57, Salt Lake City, Utah**—Meets every Tuesday in Federation of Labor Hall, 2d South Bldg., Main and W. Temple sts. Pres., J. R. Blair, 258 S. 2d East; R. S., C. J. Reading, 176 W. 3d North; F. S., J. F. Buckley, 449 W. 1st st. North.

***No. 58, Niagara, Falls, N. Y.**—Meets 2d and fourth Monday in Odd Fellows' Hall. Pres., W. C. Barber; R. S., Charles Mingay, 303 Ninth st.; F. S., W. H. Peterkin, 2737 Pierce ave.

***No. 59, Asheville, N. C.**—Pres., C. W. Hollingsworth, 43 So. French Broad ave.; F. S., B. D. Lawrence, 43 So. French Broad ave.

***No. 60, San Antonio, Tex.**—Meets every Saturday in Trades Council Hall, Soledad st. Pres., Martin Wright, 127 San Pedro ave.; R. S., Chas. C. Converse, 229 West Commerce st.; F. S., Matt E. McElroy, 916 Buena Vista st.

***No. 61, Los Angeles, Cal.**—Meets every Thursday in United Council of Labor Hall, 112½ W. 3d st. Pres., S. L. Brose, 441 Coylton st.; R. S., Wm. C. Ross, 413 Temple st.; F. S., C. E. Smith, 773 Ceres ave.

***No. 62, Youngstown, O.**—Pres., W. E. Wiseman, 700 S. Market st.; R. S., W. H. Griffith, 212 W. Wood st.; F. S., W. H. Buzard, 534 Duequesne st.

***No. 63, Warren, Pa.**—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesdays at D. O. H. Hall, cor. 2d and Liberty sts. Pres., Chas Wright, Buchanan st.; R. S., C. S. Burkett, 413 E Water st.; F. S., N. H. Spencer, Rogers Blk

***No. 64, Schenectady, N. Y.**—Pres., W. M. Phillips; R. S., J. Cormick.

***No. 65, Butte, Mont.**—Meets 2d and 4th Tuesdays in Engineers' hall, Owsley bldg. Pres., Jas. E. Davidson, 722 Colorado st.; R. S. & F. S., W. C. Medhurst, P. O. Box 846.

***No. 66, Houston, Tex.**—Meets 1st and 3d Monday nights and 2d and 4th Sunday evenings in Odd Fellows' Hall, Mason Blk., Main and Rush sts. Pres., Geo. Schorn, Myrtle and Fletcher sts.; R. S., B. J. Still, 1915 Texas ave.; F. S., C. E. Boston, 1406 Congress st.

***No. 67, Quincy, Ill.**—Meets 2d and 4th Thursdays at Trades Assembly hall, 111½ S 5th st. Pres., Bert Simmonds, 722 York st.; R. S., J. H. Nessler, 527 N. 10th st.; F. S., C. H. McNemee, 511 S 7th st.

***No. 68, Denver, Col.**—Every Monday in room 613 Charles blk., 15th and Curtis. Pres., H. S. Sherman; R. S., W. H. Anderson; F. S., W. S. Harhart, 1045 W. 7th ave.

***No. 69, Dallas, Tex.**—Meets every Wednesday night at Labor Temple, 336 Main st. Pres., E. A. White, 293 Main st.; R. S., J. W. Wilkerson, 293 Main st.; F. S., E. S. Giles, 186 Ross ave.

***No. 70, Cripple Creek, Col.**—Meets every Wednesday in Elect. Workers' Hall, Fairley & Lampman Blk. Pres., Ed. Werner, 339 West Eaton ave.; R. S., Charles M. Kellogg, Box 684; F. S., F. C. Burford, Box 684.

***No. 71, Quebec, Prov. of Que.**—Meets 1st and 15th of each month at 1 Boulevard Longfellow. Pres., O. E. Legare, 1 Boulevard Longfellow; R. S., E. S. Henreux, 82 St. George st.; F. S., J. J. Fleming, 52 King st.

***No. 72, Waco, Tex.**—Meets second and fourth Wednesday nights at McAbee Hall, 6th and Austin sts. Pres., C. C. Dixon, 514 S. 4th st.; R. S., Wallace Goru, General Delivery; F. S., J. E. Caple, 1018 N. 6th st.

***No. 73, Spokane, Wash.**—2d and 4th Wednesdays in Labor Hall, Frankling st. Pres., C. C. Dickson, 514 S. 4th st.; R. S., Vici Berry, Hermertson, Tex.; F. S., J. E. Caple, 1018 N. 6th st.

***No. 74, Winona, Minn.**—2d and 4th Tuesdays in office of Supt. of Fire Alarms, City Bldg., Lafayette st. Pres., Sam Atmore, 463 Dakota st.; R. S., J. P. Fromm, 163 Vine st.; F. S., H. B. Kline, 510 Olmstead st.

***No. 75, Grand Rapids, Mich.**—2d & 4th Wednesdays in C. L. U. hall, 34 Canal st. Pres., J. D. Hicks, 157 Turner st.; R. S., J. W. Maskell, 95 Ladrake st.; F. S., C. E. Post, 88 Sibley st.

***No. 76, Tacoma, Wash.**—1st and 2d Tuesdays in Foresters' hall, 11th st and Pacific av. Pres., J. E. Willis; R. S., C. E. Soul; F. S., C. L. Whitly, 920 A st.

***No. 77, Seattle, Wash.**—Meets every Thursday in G. A. R. Hall, Collins Bldg., cor. 2d ave. and James st. Pres., S. H. Metcalf, Barker Hotel, 1207 1st ave.; R. S., Dan'l Sullivan, 702 Valley st.; F. S., Geo. W. Walters, 315 Columbia st.

***No. 78, Chicago, Ill.**—2d and 4th Friday in Fitzgerald's hall, cor. Halsted and Adams sts. Pres., G. W. LeVin, 1551 Carroll av.; R. S., Wm T. Tonner, 1479 W. Ohio st.; F. S., George H. Foltz, 351 W Adams st.

***No. 79, Syracuse, N. Y.**—1st and 4th Thursdays in Listman's Hall, 122 N. Salina st. Pres., Daniel Cambridge, 306 Harrison st.; R. S., J. P. Hayes, 1713 W. Genesee st.; F. S., V. H. Whitney, 306 Harrison st.

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*No. 80, Norfolk, Va.—Every Friday at 268 Main st., 3d floor, over Vickery's Cigar Store. Pres., A. L. Winn, So. Bell Co.; R. S., R. J. Gourley, P. O. Box 232; F. S., J. A. Kiley, P. O. Box 232.

*No. 81, Scranton, Pa.—Meets every Monday in Cassesse's hall, Lackawanna av. Pres., H. V. Stock, 405 Wyoming ave.; R. S., Wm. T. Sproats, N. Bromley ave.; F. S., E. B. Archibald, 1112 Lafayette st.

*No. 82, Binghamton, N. Y.—Meets 1st and 3d Fridays in C. L. U. hall, State st. Pres., G. Milks, 24 Derussey st.; R. S., L. W. Thompson, St. John ave.; F. S., P. W. Kromer, 104 Prospect st.

†No. 83, Milwaukee, Wis.—Every Wednesday, cor 3d and Prairie sts. Pres., Nac. Daleiden, 839 36th st.; R. S., J. D. Mack, 622 Mark st.; F. S., O. Walloth, 567 Clinton st.

*No. 84, Atlanta, Ga.—Meets every Thursday 7:30 p. m. in Fed of Trades hall, 14½ N. Forsyth st. Pres., W. R. Johnson, 112 Kirkwood ave.; R. S., C. F. McBriord, So. Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.; F. S., B. L. Martin, 322 W. 5th st.

*No. 85, Augusta, Ga.—1st and 3d Sundays in Kidwell Hall, 15th st. and May ave. Pres., H. E. Edenfield, 915 15th st.; R. S., Jack Miner, 1131 Miller st.; F. S., G. W. Taylor, 1144 Broad st.

†No. 86, Rochester, N. Y.—2d and 4th Tuesday in room 24, Durand bldg., 58 W. Main st. Pres., A. Ferguson, 215 Glenwood ave.; R. S., Harvey Smith, 132 Wellington ave.; F. S., W. Z. Dalgety, 8 Third st.

†No. 87, Newark, N. J.—Every Friday at 37 Market st. Pres., M. J. Breslin, 58 Center st., Orange, N. J.; R. S., Wm. McDonough, 22 Washington st., Belleville, N. J.; F. S., J. Snyder, 100 Bank st.

*No. 88, Savannah, Ga.—Every Thursday in Labor hall, cor Abecorn and Bryan sts. Pres., J. D. Butler, 308 Duffy st. west; R. S., H. E. Lingel, 127 Habersham st.; F. S., E. J. McDonald, 109 McDonough st. east.

*No. 89, Akron, O.—Meets in Carpenters' Hall, S. Howard st. Pres., J. A. Townsend, 531 W. Exchange st.; R. S., M. W. Jenning, 310 N. Maple st.; F. S., C. E. Miller, 307 E. Mill st.

*No. 90, New Haven, Ct.—Meets every Saturday in Forester's Hall, 781 Chapel st. Pres., F. J. Horan, 247 Lombard st.; R. S., C. J. Haggerty, 40 Franklin st.; F. S., W. J. Dobbs, 14 Washington ave.

*No. 91, Easton, Pa.—1st and 3d Sunday afternoons in Jr. O. U. A. M. hall, cor. 7th and Northampton sts. Pres., Patrick Lee, S. 5th st.; R. S., Geo. Van Billiard, 915 Spruce st.; F. S., Edwin Welch, 123 South 4th st.

*No. 92, Charleston, S. C.—2d and last Friday in Irish Volunteers' hall, Vanderhaus st. near King. Pres., J. O. Misson, 12 Horbacks alley; R. S., J. J. Buer, 17 Inspection st.; F. S., R. B. Bell, 87 Smith st.

*No. 93, Ottawa, Ont.—2d and 3d Thursdays in C. O. F. Hall, Sessux st. Pres., Wm. Roy, Hull, Que.; R. S., S. R. McDonald, 193 Broad st.; F. S., E. Demers, 75 St. Andrews st.

*No. 94, Holyoke, Mass.—Meets every Monday in Marble Hall, High st., cor. Dwight. Pres., F. B. Lombard, with K. T. Oakes & Co.; R. S., C. Mixner, Canal st.; F. S., R. J. Dixon, N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.

*No. 95, Joplin, Mo.—Every Tuesday in Labor Union hall, 2d and Main sts. Pres., H. D. Ferguson; R. S., Chas. Nelson; F. S., Jas. Foster, 126 Penn ave.

*No. 96, Worcester, Mass.—Meets every Monday evening in room 19, 387 Main street. Pres., S. A. Strout, 72 Russell st.; R. S., J. J. Sullivan, 3 Glen st.; F. S., G. Call, 36 Pleasant st.

*No. 97, Bradford, Pa.—1st and 3d Thursdays in Malta hall. Pres., John Moore, 1 Barry ave., Bradford, Pa.; R. S., John Ballard, 148 Congress st.; F. S., F. L. Hall, 188 Corydon st.

†No. 98, Philadelphia Pa.—Every Tuesday in Odd Fellows' Temple, Room E. Broad and Cherry sts. Pres., Louis F. Spence, 1538 Manton st.; R. S., C. W. Elliott, 2320 VanPelt st.; F. S., Wm. A. J. Guscott, 121 N. 58th st.

*No. 99, Providence, R. I.—Meets 1st and 3d Mondays in Odd Fellows' Hall, 27 N. Main st. Pres., John J. Moneto, 23 Lafayette st., Pawtucket; R. S., A. P. Barry, 18 Wheaton st.; F. S., W. E. Sedgley, 28 Bradford st.

*No. 100, Jacksonville, Fla.—Pres., Geo. B. Allen, Jacksonville Tel. Co.; F. S., A. B. Kitchen, Johnston Law Co.

*No. 101, Brockton, Mass.—Every 2d and 4th Friday in Gardner bldg., Center st. Pres., John McNeil, 65 High st.; R. S., Marshall Stevens, 77 East Elm st.; F. S., Chas. Wilbur, 152 School st.

*No. 102, Paterson, N. J.—Meets 1st and 3d Fridays in Loomfixers' Hall, Market and Church sts. Pres., A. B. McPherson, Lakeview, N. J.; R. S., F. W. Sweeney, 348 Grand st.; F. S., Jno. Elbridge, 348 Grand st.

†No. 103, Boston, Mass.—Every Wednesday in St. Andrews Hall, Wells Memorial Bldg. Pres., Wm. J. Joyce, 78 E. Canton st.; R. S., J. J. McLaughlin, 213 Manerick st., E. Boston; F. S., Ernest H. Chase, 19 Allston sq., Allston.

†No. 104, Boston, Mass.—Every Wednesday in Machinists' hall, 987 Washington st. Pres., J. A. McInnis, 97 Pine st., Cambridge, Mass.; R. S., E. W. Cameron, 115 River st., Cambridge, Mass.; F. S., D. J. Burnett, 280 East st.

*No. 105, Hamilton, Ont.—2d and 4th Thursdays in Trades and Labor Hall, 17 Main st. east. Pres., J. R. Mitchell, 138 Breadalbane st.; R. S., C. F. Schwab, 15 Bruce st.; F. S., B. Bristol, 169 Jackson st. East.

*No. 106, Jamestown, N. Y.—2d and 4th Thursday in Central Labor hall, East 3d st. Pres., K. W. Spencer, 214 Fulton st.; R. S., J. W. Woodburn, Lakewood, N. Y.; F. S., W. B. Lancaster, West 3d st. St. Car Barn.

*No. 107, Louisville, Ky.—Meets 1st and 3d Thursdays in Reeb's Union Hall, 516 5th st. Pres., John C. Deibel, 418 15th st.; R. S., Horace B. Kincaid, 1413 15th st.; F. S., Wm. H. Smith, 813 Jackson st.

*No. 108, Tampa, Fla.—Every Saturday in Carpenters' hall, 1712 Franklin st. Pres., John F. Vaughan, 904 Twigg st.; R. S., Geo. Bartholomew, 613 7th Ave.; F. S., David H. Starr, 601 Madison st.

*No. 109, Rock Island, Ill.—1st and 3d Tuesdays in Industrial Home Bldg., 3d Ave and 21st st. Pres., S. H. Lenney, care People's Power Co.; R. S., Theo. Burquist, care C. U. Tel. Co., Moline; F. S., Martin McNealy, 108 West 17th st.

*No. 110, Pensacola, Fla.—1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Trades Council hall, 23 W. Government st. Pres., P. R. Pearl, Gen'l Delivery; R. S., A. L. Stanley, care of "News"; F. S., A. Hearn, So. Tel. & Tel. Co.

*No. 111, Honolulu, Hawaii—Pres., Chas. McManus, care of Honolulu Elec. Litg. Co.; R. S. and F. S., W. F. Dunn.

*No. 112, Watertown, N. Y.—Pres., H. C. Bundy, 2 Center st.; F. S., R. M. Richardson, 19 Mundy st.

*No. 113, Colorado Springs, Colo.—Meets every Wednesday in A. O. H. Hall, over 22 S. Tejon st. Pres., Fred C. Karns, 301 N. Cascade ave.; R. S., H. T. Paschal, 430 E. Kiowa st.; F. S., James English, 5 W. Moreno st.

*No. 114, Toronto, Can.—Meets 2d and 4th Fridays in Richmond hall, Richmond st. W. Pres., John A. Pollock, 33 Baldwin st.; R. S., Geo. H. L. Robinson, 226 Brunswick ave.; F. S., Geo. H. Pargeter, 66 Lansdowne ave.

*No. 115, Austin, Tex.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturdays in Carpenter's Union Hall, over 706 Cong. ave. Pres., T. E. Mason, 709 Cong. ave.; R. S., B. F. McNaughan, 1504 Sabine st.; F. S., B. F. McDonald, 200 E. 16th st.

†No. 116, Los Angeles, Cal.—F. S., J. Jackson, 125 63d st.

*No. 117, Temple, Tex.—Pres., H. H. Allen, Lock Box 335; R. S., A. E. Hancock, 506 S. 11th st.; F. S., H. S. Newland, 515 W. Central ave.

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*No. 118, Dayton, O.—Meets every Monday in Room 34, Davies' Bldg., cor. Fourth and Main sts. Pres., J. N. Hott, 2 Stanley st.; R. S., O. E. Rodgers, 245 Canor st.; F. S., V. Chamberlin, 1537 W. 5th st.

†No. 119, New Bedford, Mass.—Pres., C. McLeod; R. S., A. Gothers, F. S., Geo. White.

*No. 120, London, Ont.—Meets 1st and 3d Fridays in Labor Hall, cor. Dufferin ave. and Maitland st. Pres., Wm. Cook, 38 Miles st.; R. S., Fred Aldrich, 454 Talbot st.; F. S., Augustin Aljovin, 62 Dundas st.

†No. 121, Denver, Col.—Meets every Monday night in Club Bldg., Arapahoe st., between 17th and 18th. Pres., James A. Reed, 1355 Santa Fee ave.; R. S., A. McMullin, 2921 Curtis st.; F. S., Frank Curriigan, 1406 S. Water st.

*No. 122, Great Falls, Mont.—Meets every Thursday in Vaughn Hall, Central ave. Pres., L. E. Woodworth, B. & M. Smelter; R. S., M. Potee, 610 2d Ave S; F. S., S. C. Swartz, 11 Cobb Bldg.

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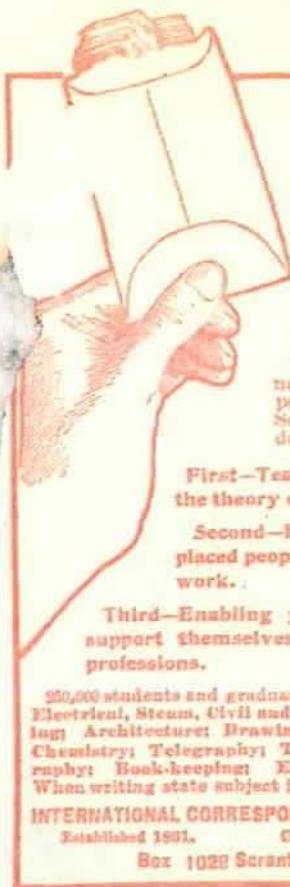
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